



New Mexico Medicaid Electronic Health Records (EHR) Incentive Program SCI and CHIP Exclusion Instructions for Eligible Professionals

In order to receive Medicaid electronic health records incentive payment, eligible professionals (EPs) must meet the Medicaid patient volume requirements. Thirty percent of their patient volume must be from Medicaid encounters. There is an exception for pediatricians who may have a minimum twenty percent Medicaid patient volume (see CHIP Exclusion Instructions for Eligible Professionals -- Pediatricians).

The CMS Final Rule on Electronic Health Records Incentive Program states that only Medicaid patient encounters can be counted in the Medicaid patient volume calculation requirement; patients covered under the State Coverage Insurance (SCI) and the state’s Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) must be excluded. The only exception is for Medicaid EPs practicing predominantly in a Federally Qualified Health Center or a Rural Health Clinic who may include SCI and CHIP when calculating “Needy Individuals” patient volume.

If an EP does not know which Medicaid encounters are attributed to SCI and CHIP recipients or is unable to provide an auditable source of his or her SCI and CHIP encounters, then the EP must apply a standard deduction of SCI and CHIP recipients from the EP’s Medicaid patient volume based on the SCI and CHIP encounters for the county from which the EP is attesting. The EP achieves the reduction by multiplying the EP’s total Medicaid encounters by the state-determined exclusion factor for the EP’s county. For example, if Medicaid encounters are 50% of a provider’s practice in Los Alamos County, then the EP would multiply 50% by the exclusion factor listed for Los Alamos County on the chart below. Thus, the formula would be $50 \times .9461 = 47.31\%$, which would be the total allowable Medicaid patient volume to be reported as a result of the SCI and CHIP exclusion.

The table below lists the SCI and CHIP exclusion factors by county that are to be used in calculating the Medicaid patient volume reduction for SCI and CHIP. Your county is determined by the location of the practice from which you are attesting. If you do not have an auditable source of your practice’s SCI and CHIP recipients, then reduce your Medicaid patient volume percentage by using the exclusion factor listed for your county and following the example above.

County Name	SCI and CHIP Exclusion Factor	County Name	SCI and CHIP Exclusion Factor	County Name	SCI and CHIP Exclusion Factor
Bernalillo	0.9606	Harding	1.0000	Roosevelt	0.9257
Catron	0.9626	Hidalgo	0.9340	Sandoval	0.9584
Chaves	0.9465	Lea	0.9643	San Juan	0.9726
Cibola	0.9715	Lincoln	0.9428	San Miguel	0.9531
Colfax	0.9535	Los Alamos	0.9461	Santa Fe	0.9599
Curry	0.9469	Luna	0.9459	Sierra	0.9748
De Baca	0.9222	McKinley	0.9844	Socorro	0.9594
Dona Ana	0.9477	Mora	0.8932	Taos	0.9499
Eddy	0.9423	Otero	0.9323	Torrance	0.9375
Grant	0.9392	Quay	0.9562	Union	0.9556
Guadalupe	0.9517	Rio Arriba	0.9581	Valencia	0.9860