

### **Hurricane Sandy Deadline Extension**

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services is providing a deadline extension for Medicare eligible hospitals and dually eligible hospitals in the New York and New Jersey areas that have been adversely affected by Hurricane Sandy and are unable to meet the November 30, 2012, deadline for submitting their Fiscal Year 2012 attestation for the Medicare Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Program. Eligible hospitals must submit to CMS an extension application with complete information on their hospital, including the reason(s) why the hospital is unable to attest, in order to qualify for the deadline extension. Qualifying eligible hospitals will be able to enter their complete attestation data using the online CMS Attestation System in spring of 2013 and receive their full Fiscal Year 2012 EHR incentive payment thereafter.

To obtain a copy of the Hurricane Sandy Deadline Extension Application, eligible hospitals may contact the EHR Information Center at (888) 734-6433 / TTY (888) 734-6563. The EHR Information Center is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in all time zones.

Please note that eligible hospitals that participate only in the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program should contact their state Medicaid agency for more information about applying for a deadline extension due to Hurricane Sandy.