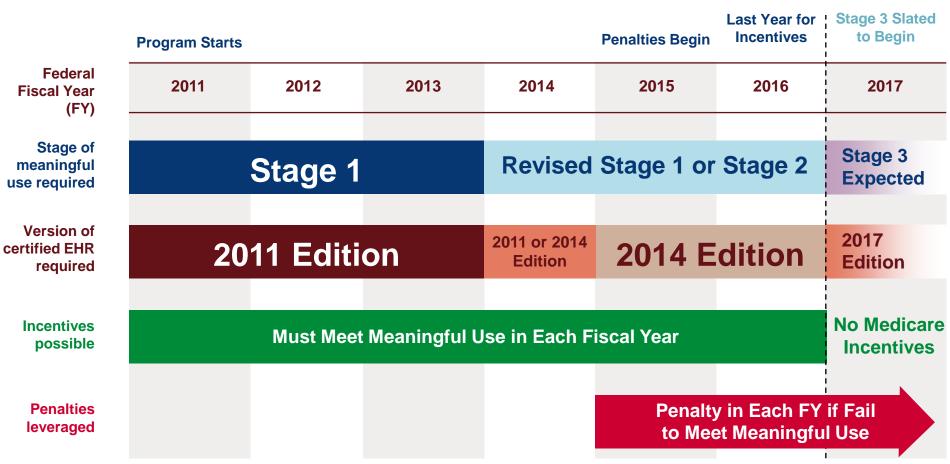
Timelines for Medicare Meaningful Use - A Program Under Change



Notes: The stage of meaningful use required depends on when a hospital first entered the meaningful use program.

The version of certified EHR required linked to federal fiscal year for hospitals.

The level of incentives is determined by payment formulas in statute and can be earned for up to four consecutive years.

The penalties are assessed on total Medicare inpatient payments (CAH and IPPS, including add-ons) and do not sunset.

The reporting period for assessing penalties varies by hospital type.

The Medicaid EHR incentive program will pay incentives for up to six years through 2021; there are no penalties in the Medicaid program.