### Timelines for Medicare Meaningful Use – A Program Under Change

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**Notes:**
- 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.

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