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To All VT Medicaid EHR Incentive Program Providers and Preparers:

Welcome to 2014!

We have added a few items to our VT Medicaid EHRIP *Updates and Announcements* webpage. Be sure to bookmark the site and visit regularly for the latest news and guidance: <http://hcr.vermont.gov/hit/ehrip/announcements>

* **Eligible Hospitals (EHs) may start their Program Year 2014 attestations.** The MAPIR version 5.2 system upgrades have been completed, and we are now ready to accept Program Year 2014 attestations from **Eligible Hospitals**. As a reminder, Program Year 2014 for **EHs** is from October 1st, 2013 – September 30th, 2014. A revised *MAPIR User Guide for Eligible Hospitals, Version 1.8* to accompany the MAPIR system upgrade is now posted on our website: <http://hcr.vermont.gov/hit/ehrip/apply>

* **Eligible Professionals (EPs) must wait to start their Program Year 2014 attestations.** **EPs** will not be able to start a Program Year 2014 attestation until further MAPIR system upgrades to support EP program rules changes are accomplished in April 2014. Any **EP** Program Year 2014 attestations started before the implementation of the software upgrades will be aborted, and must be restarted after the upgrades are accomplished.

* **Eligible Professionals are now in the Grace Period for their Program Year 2013 attestations.** Program Year 2013 for **Eligible Professionals (EPs)** was January 1st, 2013 – December 31st, 2013. CMS has granted an extension to the VT Medicaid EHRIP Grace Period, so that providers and preparers have 90 days, or until **March 31st, 2014**, to submit their **EP** attestations for Program Year 2013.

* **Updating your Certified EHR ID (CEHRT ID).** Participation in the EHRIP for Program Year 2014 requires utilization of EHR technology that is certified to 2014 standards. As a result, many providers and preparers will be updating their CEHRT ID information at the CMS Registration and Attestation (R&A) website for their Program Year 2014 attestations. Please be aware that if the CEHRT ID is the **ONLY** piece of information updated at the R&A site, the update will not automatically appear in MAPIR. Upon proceeding with an attestation in MAPIR, in the *Get Started* tab, the “R&A Verification” screen displays the information from the CMS R&A site and asks the user, “*Is this information accurate?*” If all the information on the screen is correct **except** for the CMS EHR Certification Number, you may choose the “Yes” button and “Save and Continue.” Upon continuing to the Eligibility tab, **EHs** may update the CEHRT ID in the “*Eligibility Questions (Part 2 of 2)*” screen, and **EPs** may update the CEHRT ID in the “*Eligibility Questions (Part 3 of 3)*” screen.

* **Meaningful Use reporting periods for Program Year 2014.** To accommodate required EHR technology system upgrades to meet 2014 standards, CMS has defined shortened MU reporting periods for **all providers** in Program Year 2014, no matter the stage of Meaningful Use. For all Medicare/Medicaid Dually-Eligible **EHs**, the MU reporting period is a 3-month quarter during the program year (10/1/13 – 9/30/14). For all Medicaid EHRIP **EPs**, the MU reporting period is any continuous 90-day period during the program year (1/1/14 – 12/31/14).

* **Updated guidance for Public Health Meaningful Use measures.** The Vermont Department of Health has posted updated guidance for meeting the Public Health Stage 1 and Stage 2 Meaningful Use measures for Eligible Hospitals and Eligible Professionals. Their website has links to instructions, contact information and additional informational resources:
http://healthvermont.gov/hc/meaningful_use.aspx

Please do not hesitate to contact the EHRIP Team with any questions: ehrip-support@vitl.net

Thank you,
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