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To All VT Medicaid EHR Incentive Program Providers and Preparers:

Here are the recently added announcements from our EHRIP Team website. Be sure to bookmark the website and visit regularly for news on the latest program developments: <http://hcr.vermont.gov/hit/ehrip>

WARNING: The Grace Period for Program Year 2013 EHRIP Attestations for Eligible Professionals EXPIRES March 31, 2014.

Please note that the deadline for all **Eligible Professionals** submitting a Vermont Medicaid Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Payment application for Program Year 2013 **ends March 31, 2014**. EP Program Year 2013 applications that are not submitted by this date will automatically expire and providers will be able to begin a Program Year 2014 application when appropriate (see below).

VITL's Lunch-and-Learn Meaningful Use Webinars for Eligible Professionals: Noon - 1:00 p.m. March 5, March 12, March 19

Join Vermont Information Technology Leaders (VITL) for a weekly series of lunchtime webinars presenting important changes in the EHR Incentive Program for 2014. The webinars are free and each includes a question-and-answer session. The topics are as follows:

- Wednesday, 3/5, Noon – 1: PREPARING FOR STAGE 2 MEANINGFUL USE
 - Wednesday, 3/12, Noon - 1: IMPLEMENTING A SUCCESSFUL PATIENT PORTAL
 - Wednesday, 3/19, Noon - 1: CHANGES IN STAGE 1 MEANINGFUL USE FOR 2014
- For more information and to register: <http://www.vitl.net/muwebinars>

Reminder to ensure your “Active” status for Vermont Medicaid does not lapse

If an Eligible Professional’s or an Eligible Hospital’s Vermont Medicaid enrollment lapses at any time after an application is started and BEFORE A PAYMENT IS RECEIVED, the application will automatically ABORT from the MAPIR system. The attestation must then be re-started from the beginning in MAPIR after the EP becomes fully re-enrolled in Vermont Medicaid. **If your application automatically aborts after the Grace Period expires 3/31/14, you will not be able to re-start a Program Year 2013 attestation**, without substantial data re-entry and technical delays. Please take the time now to confirm that the Medicaid enrollment statuses for all providers applying for a VT Medicaid Program Year 2013 EHR incentive payment are fully renewed.

*** Eligible Professionals should not begin a Program Year 2014 Attestation Until Further Notice**

MAPIR is scheduled for system modifications in order to accommodate the latest EHRIP changes in store for Program Year 2014 for **Eligible Professionals**. An upgrade to support Program Year 2014 EP attestations is scheduled for early April 2014. Before beginning an EP Program Year 2014 attestation, please wait until after these upgrades are accomplished and announced. Any EP Program Year 2014 attestation started in MAPIR before those software upgrades are completed will be aborted, and must be restarted after the system upgrade. Please note that for Meaningful Use, all Medicaid providers will have a 90-day reporting period for Program Year 2014.

Please note that MAPIR has already been upgraded to accommodate **Eligible Hospital** attestations for Program Year 2014.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the EHRIP Team: ehrip-support@vitl.net

Thank you,
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