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To All Vermont Medicaid EHR Incentive Program participants:

The Vermont Medicaid Electronic Health Record Incentive Program (EHRIP) Team has added new content and reference links to our website: <http://hcr.vermont.gov/hit/ehrip>

Be sure to bookmark the website and visit regularly for news on the latest program developments. Recently added:

2014 CERTIFIED EHR SYSTEMS

As Program Year 2014 applications have started to come in, we are noticing that a number of them show a certified EHR number that is **not** for a 2014 certified system. In order to apply for a 2014 EHR incentive for either Adopting/Upgrading/Implementing EHR technology OR for Stage 1 or Stage 2 of Meaningful Use, you need to be utilizing a 2014 Certified EHR System. You will need to be utilizing this system during your entire MU reporting period. You will obtain your Certified EHR number at the ONC's Certified Health IT Products website (<http://onc-chpl.force.com/ehrcert>). Below is a chart that shows some sample certification numbers that are used for the various program years. Your 2014 certified system will generate a different certification number from your previous applications.

Program Year	Sample Certified EHR Number	Description
2011 & 2012	A000001CFES9EAB	Original Certified EHR Number
2013	A0H1301CFES9EAB	3 rd through 5 th digits denoted by 'H' and '13'
2014	A014E01CFES9EAB	3 rd through 5 th digits denoted by '14' and 'E'

IMPORTANT: For 2014, there are some 2014 *complete* EHR certified systems and some that are 2014 *modular* EHR certified systems. You should work with your vendor to determine which certification they have and for which measures they are certified.

PROCESSING TIME FOR 2013 APPLICATIONS

We are working extremely hard on processing Program Year 2013 applications. Due to the high volume of applications we received in the last days of the grace period, our application queue is extensive, and our review time will take longer than normal. If we have a question about your application or need additional information, we will follow up with you by email. Thank you for your patience!

DOCUMENTATION REQUESTS

Eligible Professionals (EPs) and Eligible Hospitals (EHs) may be asked for additional information to support the information in your application. In order to efficiently process your applications it is important that you provide the requested documentation in a timely manner.

UPLOADING DOCUMENTATION

We have mentioned this before but wanted to highlight this again. Eligible Professionals (EPs) and Eligible Hospitals (EHs) have the opportunity to upload documentation into their application through our MAPIR system. This documentation could include patient volume reports, Certified EHR Technology validation, EHR system proof of ownership and documentation to support data for meaningful use objectives and clinical quality measures (CQMs) and any exclusions that were taken. As providers are now going through audits from previous program years, they are having

a challenge either finding or recreating those reports to validate the data they entered into their application. If you choose to upload documentation during the attestation process or any time your application is in *Pended for Review* or *Completed* status, those files will be available for the application review process and for any potential future audit. To upload files, access your application in MAPIR, choose the Document Upload tab, and follow the instruction in our User Guides: page 134 for EHs and page 169 for EPs (available to download at <http://hcr.vermont.gov/hit/ehrip/apply>).

ELIGIBLE PROFESSIONALS: HARDSHIP EXCEPTION APPLICATIONS DUE JULY 1, 2014

Are you a Medicare provider who was unable to successfully demonstrate meaningful use for 2013 due to circumstances beyond your control? CMS is accepting applications for hardship exceptions to avoid the upcoming Medicare payment adjustment for the 2013 reporting year. Please see the attached announcement from CMS on more information on who should apply. More information is also available at the CMS website (http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/EHRIncentivePrograms/PaymentAdj_Hardship.html).

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

Thank you,
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