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Subject: EHRIP DEADLINES! July 1st for Hardship Exception Applications; MU start by July 2nd for first-time MU in 2014

To All Vermont Medicaid EHR Incentive Program Participants: Please note these very important deadlines that are coming up in the next few days:

USE THE CMS INTERACTIVE TOOL TO DETERMINE HARDSHIP EXEMPTION

Eligible professionals can use the CMS [interactive tool](#) to help determine if they will avoid upcoming 2015 and 2016 Medicare payment adjustments by demonstrating meaningful use, or if they should apply for a [hardship exception](#).

If an eligible professional determines that they need to apply for a hardship exception, the application must be submitted **by July 1, 2014**. CMS will review applications to determine whether or not a hardship exception will be granted. If approved, the exception is valid for one year.

Applying for Hardship Exception

When submitting hardship exception applications, entries must include supporting documentation that proves demonstrating meaningful use presented [significant hardship](#).

CMS has posted hardship exception applications on the EHR website for:

- [Eligible professionals](#)
- [Eligible professionals submitting multiple National Provider Identifiers \(NPIs\)](#)

Please read and follow the submission instructions on the application. Note that all required supporting documentation must be included at the time of submission. Completing your application online and submitting it electronically with all required supporting documentation, will reduce the application processing time. Please **do not** submit hand-written applications.

Hardship Exception Tipsheets

You can also avoid payment adjustments by successfully demonstrating meaningful use prior to the payment adjustment. Tipsheets are available on the [CMS website](#) that outline when [eligible professionals](#) must demonstrate meaningful use in order to avoid the payment adjust

EPs ATTESTING TO 90 DAYS OF MEANINGFUL USE FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 2014

– If you are an eligible professional (EP) who is attesting to 90 days of Meaningful Use (MU) for the first time in 2014 you MUST complete your application by October 1, 2014 in order to avoid the Medicare Payment Adjustments in 2015. This means that the latest dates you can use for your MU data are **July 2nd through September 29th**. Again, this only applies to EPs who are attesting to 90 days of MU for the very first time and this is to avoid the Medicare payment adjustments.

If you have any questions, please contact the VT Medicaid EHRIP Team: ehrip-support@vitl.net

Thank you,
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