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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. Added today:

MORE ON PROGRAM YEAR 2014 CEHRT FLEXIBILITY

As recently announced, CMS released the Final Rule that allows providers participating in the EHR Incentive program some flexibility with their CEHRT options. We have been discussing the changes that will be made to our MAPIR system, but we do not have a date yet when our system will be updated and able to accept applications using the previous CEHRT options (not 2014). Also, please note that this Final Rule does **not** allow all providers to choose a 90-day Meaningful Use (MU) reporting period for 2015. Providers who have received payments using a 90-day MU period in 2014 **or prior** will need to complete a FULL YEAR of MU for Program Year 2015, and they will need to use a 2014 Certified EHR System. As we receive more clarification from CMS, we will continue to share the details with you.

10/1/14 DEADLINE FOR EPs ATTESTING TO MU FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 2014 -- AVOIDING 2015 PAYMENT ADJUSTMENTS

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** submit your application no later than October 1, 2014 in order to avoid the Medicare Payment Adjustments in 2015. This October 1st deadline only applies to EPs who are attesting to 90 days of MU for the very first time and this is to avoid the 2015 Medicare payment adjustments.

NEW DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS: UPLOAD A COPY OF YOUR MU REPORT DURING ATTESTATION

All EPs attesting to Meaningful Use must now upload a copy of their MU report, to include **Core** and **Menu** measures, as well as **Clinical Quality Measures**. Reminders for the documentation requirement will be added to the MAPIR screens and our User Guide. Uploads can be added to an attestation when it is in *Submitted*, *Pended for Review* or *Completed* status.

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

Thank you,
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