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To All Vermont Medicaid EHR Incentive Program participants:

VITL SUPPORT TICKET SYSTEM (MyVITL) PLANNED OUTAGE

The Vermont EHRIP uses the online VITL support ticket system, known as MyVITL, to help preparers and providers report technical issues, ask questions and request assistance for all aspects of the EHRIP application process. An upgrade to the ticket system is scheduled to begin on Friday, December 5th at 6:00 p.m. EST and finish on Sunday, December 7th. The on-line MyVITL application will be unavailable for the duration of the upgrade. During this time, all support issues must be reported to VITL through the toll-free telephone support line at 1-877-592-4053.

This upgrade will require MyVITL users to establish new login credentials. At the completion of the upgrade, current active users of MyVITL will receive 2 emails. One will include a new user name and instructions for establishing a new password. The second email will contain information to help users get started with the new MyVITL system, including a quick reference guide and links to helpful training videos. The VITL support team will be available for anyone needing additional assistance.

SUBMITTING APPLICATIONS USING THE CEHRT FLEXIBILITY RULE

In August 2014, CMS issued a Final Rule that allows providers to meet meaningful use with EHRs certified to the 2011 or 2014 Edition criteria or a combination of both Editions for an EHR reporting period in 2014. Currently MAPIR is NOT configured to allow you to attest to the Program Year 2013 Meaningful Use (MU) Measures. However, you can attest to the Program Year 2014 Measures for your scheduled stage of MU if you have 2014 Certified EHR technology. **IMPORTANT:** If you want to take advantage of the CMS CEHRT Flexibility Rule through the Vermont Medicaid EHR Incentive Program, you will not be able to complete the appropriate MAPIR application until early February 2015 (we will provide a more specific date when determined) **NOTE:** First year participants may attest to Adopt, Implement or Upgrade but only with 2014 Certified EHR technology. **First year participants may choose to skip A/I/U and attest to Meaningful Use Stage 1, and would be subject to the same CEHRT Flexibility options as above.** More information is available at our website (<http://hcr.vermont.gov/hit/ehrip/2014>), and CMS has provided decision tool to help you understand your Program Year 2014 options: http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/EHRIncentivePrograms/Downloads/CEHRT_Rule_DecisionTool.pdf

GRACE PERIOD

Every year at the end of the program year, we offer a grace period. This grace period is an extended time frame where Eligible Hospitals (EHs) and Eligible Professionals (EPs) can submit applications for the program year that just ended. Due to the new CMS Flexibility Rule, we have extended the grace period for both EHs and EPs. All providers will have at least until March 31st, 2015 to submit 2014 EHRIP applications (we will provide a more specific date when determined). Remember that all Program Year 2014 applications for Meaningful Use Stage 1 or Stage 2 must utilize a 90-day MU reporting period within the calendar year 2014.

Please note that if you are currently utilizing a 2014 Certified EHR system, and you have met all of your eligibility requirements and MU measures, you may submit your Program Year 2014 attestation now.

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

Thank you,
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