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Attachment: http://hcr.vermont.gov/sites/hcr/files/pdfs/EHRIP/CEHRT\_FlexForm\_Documentation\_v1.3.pdf

To All Vermont Medicaid EHR Incentive Program (EHRIP) Participants:

The EHRIP Team has added new content and reference links to our website: <a href="http://hcr.vermont.gov/hit/ehrip">http://hcr.vermont.gov/hit/ehrip</a>

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

## UPDATED CHART ILLUSTRATING THE OPTIONS FOR ATTESTING USING THE 2014 CEHRT FLEXIBILITY RULE

We first posted this helpful chart from CMS in October. The updated version includes information on how to easily identify what edition your EHR system is certified for. The 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> digits of your CEHRT ID# indicate whether your EHR system is certified to 2011, a combination of 2011 & 2014, or 2014 standards. Knowing your CEHRT edition will help clarify your options for attesting using the 2014 Flex Rule. More information is at our website: http://hcr.vermont.gov/hit/ehrip/2014

CMS 2014 CEHRT Flexibility Rule Effective October 1, 2014				
Pre Flexibility Rule Scheduled MU Progression	Post Flexibility Rule MU Reporting Options	Provider's Certified EHR Technology		
		<b>2011 CEHRT</b> "000" in the 3 <sup>rd</sup> - 5 <sup>th</sup> digits, e.g. A000001ABCD0XYZ	<b>2011 &amp; 2014 CEHRT</b> "H13" in the 3 <sup>rd</sup> - 5 <sup>th</sup> digits, e.g. A0H1301ABCD0XYZ	2014 CEHRT "14E" in the 3"d- 5th digits, e.g. A014E01ABCDOXYZ
Not Participating in Program	AIU*	Not an Option	Not an Option	YES
Stage 1 2014 Definition of MU Measures	Stage 1 2013 Definition MU Measures	YES, Reason Required	YES, Reason Required	Not an Option
	Stage 1 2014 Definition MU Measures	Not an Option	YES, Reason Required	YES
Stage 2 2014 Definition of MU Measures	Stage 1 2013 Definition MU Measures	YES, Reason Required	YES, Reason Required	Not an Option
	Stage 2 2014 Definition MU Measures	Not an Option	YES, Reason Required	YES
	Stage 1 2014 Definition MU Measures	Not an Option	YES, Reason Required	YES, Reason Required

<sup>\*</sup> NOTE: First year participants are not required to attest to Adopt/Implement/Upgrade. 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.

## **DOCUMENTATION GUIDANCE FOR 2014 CEHRT FLEXIBILITY ATTESTATION OPTIONS**

If you will be attesting for Program Year 2014 and taking advantage of the CMS 2014 Flexibility Rule, the attached form will be a required upload with your MAPIR attestation. Take a moment to carefully review the form so you can start saving and assembling the appropriate documentation to support your 2014 CEHRT Flex attestation. The form, along with any additional information you wish to submit (emails, screenshots, correspondence), will document that you were

not able to fully implement 2014 edition CEHRT to meet meaningful use for an EHR reporting period in 2014 due to delays in 2014 CEHRT availability. We have posted the form at our website <a href="http://hcr.vermont.gov/hit/ehrip/2014">http://hcr.vermont.gov/hit/ehrip/2014</a>, and a link to the form will be included on the *Document Upload* tab in the upgraded version of MAPIR.

## WHEN TO ATTEST USING THE 2014 CEHRT FLEX RULE

Due to the required upgrades in MAPIR, providers wishing to attest with the new CEHRT flexibility options will not be able to submit their applications until February 2015. Both Eligible Professionals and Eligible Hospitals will have an extended Grace Period to submit their Program Year 2014 attestations. As soon as the exact date of the MAPIR upgrade deployment is known and the expanded Grace Period is approved by CMS, we will notify our program participants.

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

Thank you, Lorraine

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