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To All Vermont Medicaid EHR Incentive Program participants:

KEY DATES AND DEADLINES

February 26, 2015 – The MAPIR System will be upgraded to version 5.5, and will be ready to accept applications utilizing the CMS 2014 Flexibility Rule (<http://hcr.vermont.gov/hit/ehrip/2014>).

April 27, 2015 – This marks the end of the grace period for both Eligible Hospitals and Eligible Professionals to submit applications for Program Year 2014. All Program Year 2014 applications must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. on Monday 4/27/2015.

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ARE YOU WAITING FOR MAPIR 5.5 SO THAT YOU CAN ATTEST USING THE CMS FLEXIBILITY RULE?

We are interested in knowing how many preparers and providers will be using the CMS 2014 Flex rule to apply for Program Year 2014 EHRIP payment. The upgrade to MAPIR 5.5 will accommodate the Flex rule, and is scheduled to be deployed on 2/26/15. Please let us know if you are waiting for this upgrade to attest for Program Year 2014, so we can help you prepare with specific guidance on documenting your valid reasons, and ensure your providers' information is aligned to start an attestation in MAPIR with a minimum of technical delays. Reply to this email, or send a message to ehrip-support@vitl.net with the following information:

- Preparer's name
- List of all Provider names and NPIs you will be attesting for
- Name, vendor version and CEHRT ID of the EHR system you will be using to attest. See the next item if you need to confirm the CEHRT ID of your EHR system.
- Form available at our website:
http://hcr.vermont.gov/sites/hcr/files/pdfs/EHRIP/CEHRT_FlexForm_Documentation_v1.3.pdf

HOW TO CONFIRM YOUR EHR SYSTEM'S CEHRT ID

Your EHR system's CEHRT ID number will differ depending on which Program Year criteria you are attesting to. For example, if your EHR system is certified for 2014, it will have a CEHRT ID with "14E" in the 3rd- 5th digits, e.g. A014E01ABCD0XYZ. Before proceeding with an attestation in MAPIR, you can confirm the correct CEHRT ID with the *Certified Health IT Product List* (CHPL). Instructions on how to obtain the correct CEHRT ID for EHR System you are using for your Program-Year-specific attestation are at the CHPL website: <http://oncchpl.force.com/ehrcert?q=chpl>. Updating your CEHRT ID in MAPIR:

- The CEHRT ID may differ from the information in your MAPIR attestation that comes from your CMS R&A registration. **That's OK!**

- You can still say “Yes” if everything else is still correct regarding the information coming from the R&A site.
- A few screens later in MAPIR, you will have the chance to enter the updated CEHRT ID in the “*Eligibility Questions Part 3 of 3*” screen.

If you are planning to utilize the Flex Rule to attest for Program Year 2014, you can use the CHPL to confirm your CEHRT ID after reviewing your CEHRT Flexibility options, per this chart:

http://hcr.vermont.gov/sites/hcr/files/pdfs/EHRIP/2014_CEHRT_FlexRuleChart_2014_12_18.doc .

IF YOU ARE ATTESTING WITH 2014 CEHRT: DON'T DELAY, SUBMIT TODAY!

The EHRIP Team is working hard at eliminating the backlog of Program Year 2014 application reviews that accumulated during the unexpectedly complex reconstruction of our case management database system after a recent MAPIR upgrade. We encourage all providers who are able to utilize their 2014 Certified EHR system for a Program Year 2014 attestation to submit their applications as soon as possible. We would like to prioritize and facilitate those reviews in advance of the scheduled upgrade to MAPIR 5.5. The deadline to submit all Program Year 2014 attestations is April 27, 2015, but apply early if you can!

REMINDER ON THE MEANINGFUL USE 90-DAY REPORTING PERIOD

The **MEDICAID** EHR Incentive Program differs from the **MEDICARE** EHRIP in that all Program Year 2014 attestations (and all 1st-year MU attestations going forward) require a 90-day MU reporting period, NOT a calendar quarter. When entering the start day of your 90-day period, MAPIR will automatically calculate the correct end date. Note the correct end date that MAPIR displays and compare it to your MU data.

- Double check your MU reports from your EHR system to ensure you are reporting on the exact same 90-day period for all your Meaningful Use measures.
- We require you to upload your MU reports with your attestation. If there is a discrepancy, you will need to re-run your reports for the correct 90-day period and resubmit the data.

There is an exception for the 90-day period as it applies to the CQM portion of the meaningful use attestation. The ERHIP Team and CMS are aware that some EHR systems do not offer a 90-day period for reporting CQMs, and therefore reporting on a calendar quarter is the only option for Program Year 2014 and 1st-year MU attestations. As a result, we will accept the CQMs with this reporting period, with appropriate documentation from the EHR vendor, which should be uploaded with the attestation.

For more information visit our website, <http://hcr.vermont.gov/hit/ehrip>, and do not hesitate to contact the EHRIP Team with any questions: ehrip-support@vitl.net

Thank you,
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