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Subject: VT Medicaid EHRIP Announcements: Deadline for Intent to Register for Stage 2 Public Health Measures; MAPIR Upgrade will be underway tomorrow; Program Year 2014 deadlines
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To All Vermont Medicaid EHR Incentive Program participants:

3/1/15 DEADLINE REMINDER FROM CMS REGARDING INTENT TO REGISTER FOR A PUBLIC HEALTH MEASURE

EHR Incentive Program participants recently received a reminder from CMS for providers who are planning to meet Stage 2 Meaningful Use objectives in Program Year 2015, which is now underway. The deadline to register your intent to initiate ongoing submission with the Vermont Department of Health (or other body to whom the information will be submitted), is within 60 days of the start of your EHR reporting period. For 2015, this deadline for Eligible Professionals (EPs) is March 1, 2015**. This important reminder is attached, and contains links to CMS resources.

**Here is more information about what this reminder means to EPs attesting with the Vermont Medicaid EHR Incentive Program:

EPs may have only submitted failed test data to successfully meet their MU Stage 1 Menu measure regarding the Immunization Registry, and therefore need to ensure they meet the requirements for MU Stage 2 submissions.

Currently, Program Year 2015 has a required MU reporting period of 365 days (Full Year) for all MU attestations (except for all first-time attesters to MU Stage 1). This would necessarily make 3/1/15 the 60th day of the MU reporting period for Program Year 2015 attesters to Stage 2 criteria. HOWEVER, it has been announced that CMS intends to change the MU reporting period in Program Year 2015, and reduce it to 90 days. Therefore, it is likely that the 60th day of an EP's MU reporting period will depend on whatever 90-day period the EP selects, and could be any day between 3/1/15 and 12/1/15.

Those rules will not be confirmed or finalized by CMS until later in the year, so it is prudent to go ahead as soon as possible to register your EPs intent to submit for Stage 2 for any provider scheduled to meet Stage 2 MU criteria in Program Year 2015.

Please review the Vermont Department of Health's website on meeting Public Health Meaningful Use measures, and the instructions on how to register the intent of EPs for reporting ongoing Immunization Registry data: http://healthvermont.gov/hc/meaningful_use.aspx

MAPIR UPGRADE FOR CEHRT FLEX ATTESTATIONS: REPEAT OF KEY DATES AND DEADLINES

Thursday, 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. Program Year 2015 attestations may also be started in MAPIR. Monday, 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.

Calendar for February 2015 with date 26 circled.

Calendar for March 2015.

Calendar for April 2015 with date 27 circled.

Please note: Updated MAPIR User Guides for Eligible Professionals and Eligible Hospitals will be posted at our website and available to download by Wednesday, March 4th, 2015: <http://hcr.vermont.gov/hit/ehrip/apply>