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To All Vermont Medicaid EHR Incentive Program participants:

PROGRAM YEAR 2015 – WHEN CAN YOU ATTEST?

CMS is currently engaged in Rule Making for [Stage 3](#) and for the Modifications to Meaningful Use Stage 1 and 2 occurring in [Program Year 2015-2017](#). The Vermont EHRIP Team is waiting for additional guidance from CMS concerning the New Proposed Rule Making. We will pass this information along as soon as CMS releases the Final Rules, which is expected to be within the next several weeks. At the moment, the following providers can submit Program Year 2015 applications:

- First-time EHR Incentive Program participants, attesting to Adopt/Implement/Upgrade OR attesting to MU Stage 1 for a 90-day EHR Reporting Period in 2015.
- Providers who attested to A/I/U in a previous Program Year, and are able to attest to MU Stage 1 for the first time for a 90-day EHR Reporting Period in 2015.

All other program participants must wait until Vermont's EHRIP application system, [MAPIR](#), is upgraded to accommodate the new Final Rules, which will likely not be completed until February of 2016.

AUDIT TIPS

Audits of incentive payments are a required element of the EHR Incentive Program, and the VT EHRIP Audit Team has some helpful tips based on their activities and experience with reviewing provider records:

- **Document patient volume at the time of attestation.**
The [Patient Volume Data Tool](#) developed by the VT EHRIP Team assists in understanding and complying with the documentation requirements for supporting the Medicaid encounter threshold. We strongly encourage all providers to complete the Patient Volume Data Tool at the time of attestation and to upload it in MAPIR as an attachment to the application.
- **Document every Meaningful Use measure, do not rely solely on summary dashboard reports.**
At the time of attestation, consolidate ancillary reports, screenshots and other types of supporting documentation for all MU measures.
- **Keep supporting documentation in a central location.**
Staff turnover and other activities in the course of normal priorities at a medical practice can result in a great deal of work in re-creating documentation. Ensure EHRIP-related records are kept centrally and can be easily accessed by staff in the event of future requests.

[Our website](#) has additional guidance on documentation requirements and audit preparation.

VITL SUMMIT '15 SEPTEMBER 30 – OCTOBER 1, 2015

Members of the VT EHRIP Team will be attending the Vermont Information Technology Leaders' (VITL) Summit '15, and participating in a panel discussion in the "Hot Topics in Meaningful Use" session. During this 2-day event, VITL Summit attendees will have the opportunity to continue the health care and technology conversation in sessions that range from data analytics to patient engagement. Please visit www.vitlsummit.net to view the full agenda and to register for the Summit. We hope to see you there!

More information about the Vermont Medicaid EHRIP is available at our website, <http://hcr.vermont.gov/hit/ehrip>.

Thank you,
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