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Subject: VT Medicaid EHRIP Updates: Reminder on Rule Effective Date; Stay Tuned for Updates to the VDH Registration Process for PH MU Measures; New CMS FAQ on PH MU reporting

To All Vermont Medicaid EHR Incentive Program participants:

REMINDER: EFFECTIVE DATE OF NEW RULE FOR MODIFIED MU-2 IS DECEMBER 15, 2015

The effective date of the final rule for MU Stage 3 and Modified-MU Stage 2 for 2015-2017 is December 15, 2015. As of this date, all EHRIP applications must be submitted utilizing the criteria defined in the new rule, and **Meaningful Use Stage 1 will no longer be an attestation option.** Vermont Medicaid EHRIP attestations for Adopt/Implement/Upgrade will be accepted on an ongoing basis. For more information about changes to program participation requirements, and when providers can attest, see our [Program Year 2015](#) guidance page.

STAY TUNED FOR UPDATES TO THE VDH REGISTRATION PROCESS FOR PUBLIC HEALTH MU MEASURES

Providers meeting the Public Health Meaningful Use Objective for Modified-MU 2 in Program Year 2015 will be required to demonstrate one of three *Active Engagement Options* for each of the measures they will be meeting.

Active Engagement Option 1 – Completed Registration to Submit Data

Active Engagement Option 2 – Testing and Validation

Active Engagement Option 3 – Production

Detailed descriptions of each option are available [at our website](#).

It is CMS's intent that a provider meeting a public health meaningful use measure with previous successful MU attestations would fulfill the definition of one of these Active Engagement options. However, EPs and EHS must register with the VDH (or a clinical data repository) if they will be meeting MU using a public health measure they have not successfully attested to in a previous EHR reporting period. The VDH Public Health Meaningful Use webpage will be updated shortly with revised forms and guidance for EPs and EHS.

VISIT THE CMS WEBSITE TO REVIEW THE NEW PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTING FAQ

To support provider participation in 2015, CMS has released [FAQ #12985](#) in response to inquiries about the public health reporting objective in 2015. In the FAQ, CMS clarifies that alternate exclusions to the measures in the public health reporting objective are available for providers in 2015, based on the changes to the public health reporting objective. Providers for whom the alternate exclusion is applicable will be presented that option in the attestation system.

Don't hesitate to [contact the Vermont Medicaid EHRIP Team](#) with any questions, and be sure to check out the Vermont Medicaid EHRIP [website](#) for important information and the latest updates about the program.

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