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To All Vermont Medicaid EHR Incentive Program Participants:

### **MEETING MODIFIED-MU2 PUBLIC HEALTH OBJECTIVE REQUIREMENTS**

The Vermont Department of Health will be updating its website shortly with the information providers need to meet the revised requirements for the EHRIP Public Health Objective. The new Modified-MU2 registration forms and instructions for both Eligible Professionals and Eligible Hospitals are attached. (All the links in the documents will be live when they are posted on the VDH website.)

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) prior to or within 60 days of the start of their EHR reporting period if they will be meeting MU using a public health measure they have not successfully attested to in a previous EHR reporting period.**

### **NEW FAQs FOR HIE, PATIENT ELECTRONIC ACCESS AND OTHER MU MEASURES REQUIRING PATIENT ACTION**

CMS this week released three new FAQs providing clarification on how to attest to certain measures for health information exchange, patient electronic access, and other objectives that require patient action.

- [FAQ 12817](#) provides guidance on how to count a transition of care or referral with a third-party organization plays a role in determining the next provider of care and ultimately delivers the summary of care document
- [FAQ 12821](#) is relevant to the Patient Specific Education and Patient Electronic Access measure 2 when multiple EPs or EHs contribute information to a shared portal or a patient's online personal health record.
- [FAQ 12825](#) explains when more than one EP in a practice can get credit when a patient sends a message or accesses health information made available by his/her EP.

### **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.

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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