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To All Vermont Medicaid EHR Incentive Program participants:

### **CMS APPROVES VERMONT MEDICAID EHRIP GRACE PERIODS**

CMS recently approved our request for an extended Grace Period for Program Year 2015 applications. Here are the Vermont Medicaid EHRIP Grace Period deadlines:

**Dually-Eligible Hospitals:** EHs will have until **March 31, 2016** to submit Program Year 2015 applications. NOTE: EHs must first attest at CMS, and the CMS deadline to attest to Program Year 2015 has been extended to March 11, 2016.

**Eligible Professionals:** EPs will have until **July 18, 2016** to submit Program Year 2015 applications.

### **PROGRAM YEAR 2016 FEBRUARY 29TH DEADLINE FOR REGISTERING INTENT TO SUBMIT PH DATA**

In order for EPs to successfully attest to the Program Year 2016 requirements for Objective 10, Public Health Reporting, they must meet two of the three measures. Reporting to a Specialized Registry cannot automatically be excluded. Please review the criteria for the measure to ensure providers can document that they are able to take an exclusion from reporting to a Specialized Registry. Otherwise, they must register their intent to submit data to a Specialized Registry by the 60th day of their PY2016 EHR reporting period, which is **February 29th, 2016** for all providers beyond their first year of meeting Meaningful Use. [CMS has published a FAQ](#) with more information on the steps providers must take to determine if there is a specialized registry available for them, or if they should instead claim an exclusion. More information is also [at our website](#).

### **CMS EXTENDS ATTESTATION DEADLINE TO FRIDAY 3/11/16**

CMS has extended the attestation deadline for the EHR Incentive Programs to Friday, March 11, 2016 at 11:59 p.m. ET, from the original deadline of Monday, February 29. Certain Medicaid eligible professionals may use the [Registration and Attestation System](#) as an alternate attestation method to avoid the Medicare payment adjustment. More information about the Alternate Method is available [at our website](#).

### **EHRIP WEBSITE IS MOVING**

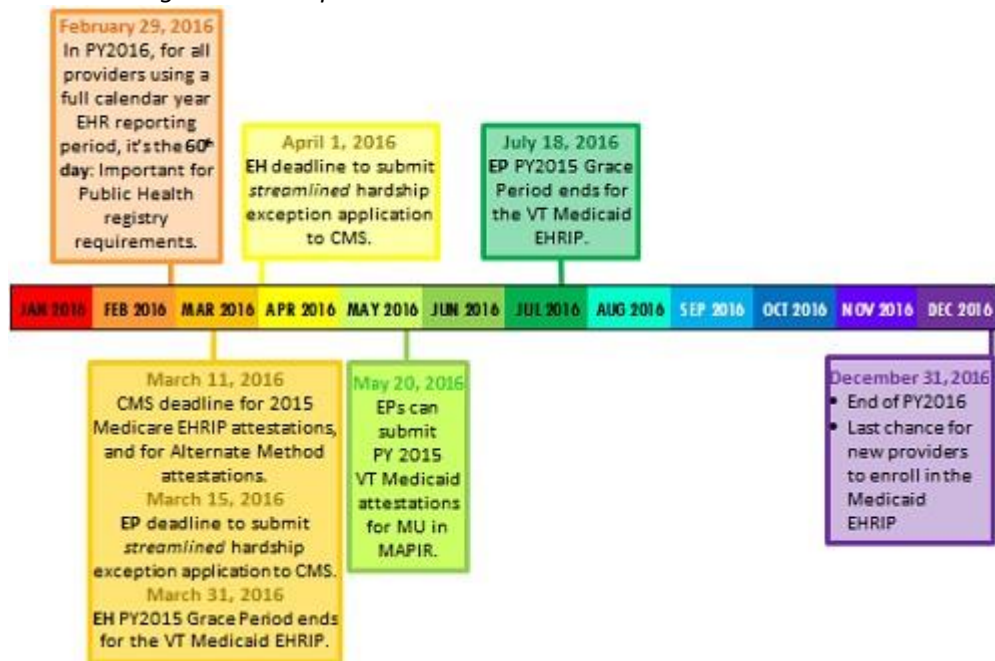
The EHRIP website will be migrating to its new home at the end of February. While the new website is under construction, all information at the current site will be maintained. Once the new site formally goes live, an informational re-direct will be posted at the old URL to assist you in navigating to the new EHRIP home page. Be sure to watch for its official debut and bookmark the new EHRIP website.

### **2016 IS THE LAST YEAR TO BEGIN THE MEDICAID EHRIP**

Eligible professionals can receive incentive payments for up to six years, but Program Year 2016 will be the last year for providers to begin the Medicaid EHRIP. First-time participants in 2016 must register at the [CMS Registration and Attestation site](#), and must either Acquire, Implement or Upgrade their certified EHR system or complete a 90-day Meaningful Use period by December 31, 2016. First time participants can consult [these checklists](#) to ensure they are prepared to begin.

## VT MEDICAID EHRIP IMPORTANT DATES FOR EPs AND EHS

Click the image below to open a document with details about each date and deadline event.



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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