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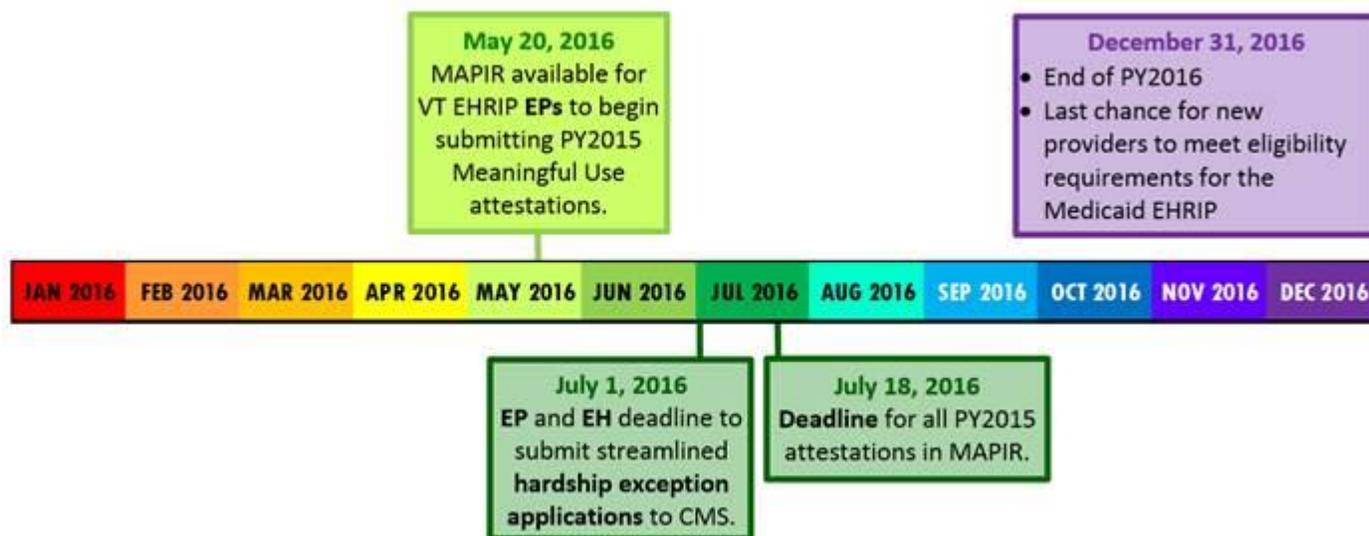
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Subject: VT Medicaid EHRIP Updates: Important Dates; MAPIR Available 5/20/16 for PY2015 MU Attestations; MAPIR Walk-Through Webinars; PH Objective Documentation; First-Time Participants

To All Vermont Medicaid EHR Incentive Program participants:

MAY 20, 2016 MAPIR AVAILABILITY FOR MU ATTESTATIONS, AND OTHER IMPORTANT DATES



May 20, 2016 Planned date for VT Medicaid MAPIR upgrade to start accepting **EP** Program Year 2015 Meaningful Use attestations using the Modified-MU2 Rule. Program Year 2015 and Program Year 2016 A/I/U attestations are currently being accepted on an ongoing basis. See our website: [“When can you attest?”](#)

July 1, 2016 CMS deadline for EPs and EHs to submit streamlined Hardship Exception applications for PY2015 to CMS to avoid Medicare payment adjustments. More information is at the [CMS Payment Adjustments & Hardship Information website](#).

July 18, 2016 Deadline for **Eligible Professionals** participating in the Vermont Medicaid EHRIP to submit all Program Year 2015 attestations in MAPIR.

December 31, 2016

- End of Program Year 2016.
- Last chance for new, first-time providers to meet certain eligibility and participation requirements for the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program to BEGIN receiving payments.

MAY 20TH, 2016: MAPIR UPGRADE AVAILABLE TO ACCEPT MU ATTESTATIONS

Work is on track to have the latest version of MAPIR available as of Friday 5/20/16 for all applications for Program Year 2015 and 2016. Providers who have been waiting to submit their Program Year 2015 attestations for Meaningful Use with the new CMS 2015-2017 Modified Rule will be able to proceed with their submissions. Please look for the guidance in the MAPIR screens regarding measure options, and exclusion options, documentation requirements. The new MAPIR User Guide will be posted at our website, and will contain screenshots and instructions specific to the content you will see as you attest.

MAPIR WALK-THROUGH WEBINARS

The Vermont EHRIP Team will be holding a series of webinars to display the changes in the MAPIR application due to the CMS 2015-2017 Modification Rule. The first one is scheduled for Wednesday, May 25th at Noon. The updated MAPIR system will show the move from Core and Menu Measures to 10 Objectives and new Exclusions. In addition to illustrating the new MAPIR screens, we will also discuss the pre-payment documentation that is now required and some new updates from CMS. A separate email announcement will be sent out next week that will include the webinar link and dial-in information. Attendance will be limited, but don't worry if you cannot participate on 5/25. The next webinar will be held Wednesday, 6/1/16 at 3:00 p.m. We will continue to schedule ongoing sessions to ensure all participants have the opportunity to attend and ask questions.

DOCUMENTATION AID FOR THE PY2015 PUBLIC HEALTH OBJECTIVE

The Vermont EHRIP Team has developed Documentation Aids for the Modified-MU 2 Public Health Objective. These fillable forms are companions to the screens in MAPIR where Public Health measures are entered. When completed and uploaded at the time of attestation, they will facilitate the application review process, and will also help provide the information that would be requested in the event of an audit. For details on the PY2015 required Public Health Objective, [see our website](#). You can download the Documentation Aid [here](#).

2016 IS LAST YEAR TO BEGIN THE MEDICAID EHRIP

Eligible providers 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. Certain eligibility and participation activity requirements must be completed by December 31, 2016. For example, if a provider will be attesting to Adopt/Implement/Upgrade for a first-year incentive payment, there must be documentation that a Certified EHR system was acquired before 12/31/16. If a provider chooses to attest to Meaningful Use for their first year of participation, a 90-day reporting period to meet the MU Objectives must be completed by December 31, 2016. The Vermont EHRIP will have a Grace Period for all Program Year 2016 applications that will end on March 31, 2017. To accommodate state deadlines, CMS has indicated that new, first-time participants will be able to register at the CMS R&A site through the end of March 2017. Remember, the process to register at the R&A site takes several days complete, so providers cannot wait until 3/31/17 to register or they will miss the attestation deadline in MAPIR. See our website for more information on [first-time participants in 2016](#).

Don't hesitate to [contact the Vermont Medicaid EHRIP Team](#) with any questions. Be sure to check out the [Vermont Medicaid EHRIP website](#) for important information, and you can also follow us on [Twitter](#) for the latest updates about the program.

Thank you,
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