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To All Vermont Medicaid EHR Incentive Program participants:

DEADLINE: CMS HARDSHIP EXCEPTION APPLICATIONS DUE 7/1/2016

For providers who did not meet Meaningful Use for Program Year 2015, the streamlined hardship application form reduces the amount of information that eligible providers must submit to apply for an exception. The instructions and application form for a hardship exception from the Medicare Payment Adjustments that will be effect in calendar year 2017 are at the [CMS Payment Adjustments & Hardship Information website](#). Not every provider is subject to Medicare Payment Adjustments, so please review the guidance on the CMS instruction form. CMS must receive all hardship exception applications before midnight **Friday, July 1, 2016**.

DEADLINE: PROGRAM YEAR 2015 APPLICATIONS

All Vermont Medicaid EHRIP Program Year 2015 applications are now being accepted in MAPIR, and must be submitted by **midnight on July 18, 2016**.

EHRIP PAYMENTS ARE FOR ACTIVE MEDICAID PROVIDERS ONLY

CMS rules state that only *Active* Medicaid providers may receive EHRIP payments. If Eligible Providers retire, or if their Vermont Medicaid enrollments lapse at any time BEFORE an EHRIP payment is received, their pending applications will automatically ABORT from the MAPIR system. If a provider is able to re-enroll, the EHRIP application must then be restarted in MAPIR from the beginning. Please take the time now to confirm the Medicaid enrollment statuses for all providers attesting for Program Year 2015 in the VT Medicaid EHRIP.

PROGRAM YEAR 2015 DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS

Required: For each provider attesting to Meaningful Use, the application must have a copy of the MU report from the provider's EHR system (including CQMs), and a copy of the Security Risk Assessment. In addition, all providers must include a Group Definition if they are attesting with Group Patient Volume, and proof of EHR system ownership if they are attesting to Adopt/Implement/Upgrade.

Recommended: Suggested documentation includes the [Patient Volume Data Tool](#), the [Public Health Objective Documentation Aid](#), and any other supplemental documentation supporting the EHRIP application. These files, and additional information, may be a requirement on a case-by-case basis, depending on the administrative review findings.

File Uploads: MAPIR has a file size limit of 2 MB per file, so if any of the documentation files are too large to upload directly in MAPIR, [contact the EHRIP Team](#). We will provide instructions to send files using the State encrypted email protocol, or via some other secure method.

More information about Program Year 2015 requirements can be found at our [PY2015 webpage](#), and you may [contact](#) the VT Medicaid EHRIP Team with any questions.

MAPIR APPLICATIONS: COMMON ISSUES AND ERRORS

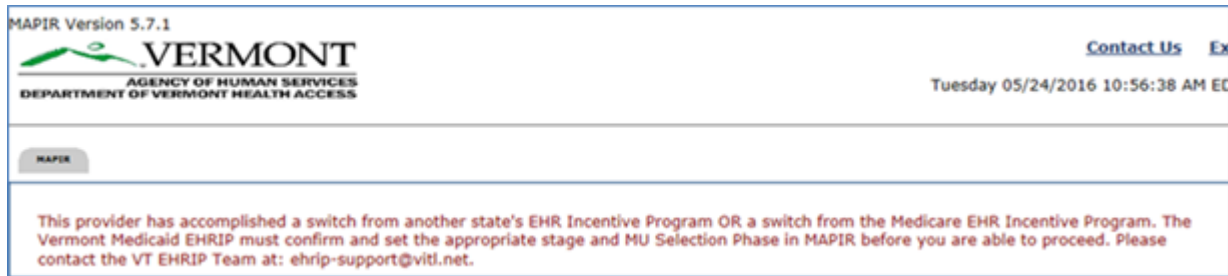
The EHRIP Team has been busy answering your attestation questions. There are a number of common issues and errors that we can help with:

1. Cannot find the provider in the MAPIR dropdown list.

If you are a preparer attesting on behalf of one or several providers, your Trading Partner ID and User ID both need to be associated with those of the providers for whom you are submitting an EHR Incentive Payment application. If this information is not linked, you will not be able to select the provider to start an attestation in MAPIR. To manage the provider names associated with your User ID, follow the at our [Help](#) webpage.

2. History of Program or State Switch Requires Manual MU Stage Set

Once you enter your CEHRT ID and confirm that the account and User ID will be completing the attestation, you may receive a message about the provider having a history of a Program (Medicare to Medicaid EHRIP) or State-to-State switch. The provider will always require a manual MU Stage set in MAPIR, no matter how many times the provider may have attested in MAPIR since the switch.



The message in MAPIR indicates you will need to contact the EHRIP Team so that we can accomplish this manually, which we can generally do within a few minutes of receiving the notification, and let you know when you can proceed.

3. 'Registration in Progress' messages

A "Registration in Progress" status means MAPIR is getting a file from CMS indicating that the provider's CMS Registration and Attestation information is **incomplete** or **pending**.



You will need to access the provider's information at the [CMS R&A site](#), and GO ALL THE WAY THROUGH the screens to accept/agree/submit. It will take 24 to 48 hours for edits to propagate through from the CMS system to the VT MAPIR system. DO NOT make any other changes at either the CMS R&A site or in MAPIR until the information is updated. Every time a change at the CMS R&A site occurs, the clock is re-set on the time it takes for the provider's MAPIR application to be updated. More information is available at our [Help](#) webpage.

4. Why won't MAPIR let me leave this screen?

Get Started R&A/Contact Info Eligibility Patient Volumes Attestation Review Submit

Patient Volume - Individual (Part 3 of 3)

CO has the following information on the locations in which you practice.
Please select the check box for locations where you are meeting Medicaid patient volume requirements and/or utilizing certified EHR technology. If you wish to report patient volumes for a location or site that is not listed, click **Add Location**.
You must select at least one location for meeting patient volumes and at least one location for utilizing certified EHR technology.

When ready click the **Save & Continue** button to review your selection, click **Previous** to go back or click **Refresh** to update the list below. Click **Reset** to restore this panel to the starting point.

(*) Red asterisk indicates a required field.

*Medicaid Patient Volumes (Must Select One)	*Utilizing Certified EHR Technology (Must Select One)	Provider ID	Location Name	Address	Available Actions
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	999999999999	Doctor Office	123 First Street Anytown, PA 12345-1234	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	N/A	New Location	123 Main Street Anytown, AL 12345	<input type="button" value="Edit"/> <input type="button" value="Delete"/>

The **MAPIR Patient Volume (Part 3 of 3)** screen allows providers to select the Practice Locations where they are meeting Medicaid Patient Volume and using CEHRT. For every location listed on this screen, **even if you did not select it as a location to meet patient volume requirements**, you must indicate if you are using certified EHR technology at this location by selecting **Yes** or **No** in the “Utilizing Certified EHR Technology” column. In other words, even if there is no checkmark in the first column, there **MUST** be a selection of the ‘Yes/No’ radio buttons in the second column. If not, MAPIR will display an error message that all required data on the screen must be answered, and you will not be able to proceed.

Let us know if you encounter any other error or issues in the course of submitting attestations in MAPIR.

If you are aware of anyone who would like to receive our EHRIP email updates, or if you would like to be removed from this distribution list, please forward the updated information to lorraine.siciliano@vermont.gov.

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 about the program.

Thank you,
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