To All Vermont Medicaid Promoting Interoperability/EHR Incentive Program participants:

DON'T WAIT…START YOUR PY2018 APPLICATIONS NOW, SUBMIT BY THE DEADLINE 3/31/19
The deadline for all Program Year 2018 Vermont **Medicaid** Promoting Interoperability/EHR Incentive Program applications is March 31, 2019. If you experience any issues when navigating the MAPIR screens, they could take some time to resolve, so don't wait until the last minute to discover any technical difficulties.

UPDATED FAQs
As you navigate the Medicaid Portal to the *Connect to MAPIR* link and work on provider attestations, you may encounter error messages, missing links, MAPIR alerts, or general question on how to enter data correctly. The Vermont Medicaid PIP/EHRIP Team has updated our list of Frequently Asked Questions. Download and review the document of FAQs for help with common issues you may be experiencing:
https://healthdata.vermont.gov/sites/healthdata/files/pdfs/EHRIP/2019_02_FAQs.pdf

IMPORTANT DOCUMENTATION CHANGES FOR AUDITS: PATIENT VOLUME DATA
As audit processes evolve, there will be changes to the supporting documentation Eligible Professionals will be required to submit. If selected for audit, providers must supply the patient volume data that supports their attestations. Audits may occur some time after an incentive payment has been received. To avoid having to retrieve or recreate the documentation, please submit your patient volume data **at the time of attestation**, using the template available on our website: https://healthdata.vermont.gov/ehrip/PatientVolume

PROVIDERS NEW TO YOUR ORGANIZATION MAY BE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PIP/EHRIP
Program Year 2016 was the last year to BEGIN the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program, but there may be providers new to your organization that have participated in the Medicaid PIP/EHR Incentive Program in another jurisdiction or practice. The PIP/EHRIP Team can research a provider's participation history, to check eligibility for the program going forward. Eligible Professionals may skip more than one year in the Medicaid PIP/EHRIP, so if you are unsure about the status of any providers, we can confirm. Send the names and NPIs of the providers in question to: ahs.dvhaEHRIP@vermont.gov

REMINDER: ASSISTANCE FOR PATIENT VOLUME CALUCATION AND DOCUMENTATION
Each provider applying for a Medicaid PIP/EHR incentive payment must demonstrate patient volume thresholds for each year of program participation. CMS Rules do not allow recycling eligibility criteria from previous Program Years. This means providers cannot re-use or overlap any dates of a patient volume 90-day time period from a previous Program Year attestation. The EHRIP Team receives many questions around patient volume issues: Does the data contain valid Medicaid Encounters? Why am I having trouble selecting the correct 90-day Patient Volume time period in MAPIR? What needs to be included in the data file to support a Group Definition of Patient Volume? Our website lists these frequently asked questions with links to individual descriptions, illustrations, solutions, and tools:
https://healthdata.vermont.gov/ehrip/PatientVolume

If you are aware of anyone who would like to receive our PIP/EHRIP email updates, or if you would like to be removed from this distribution list, please forward the updated information to ahs.dvhaEHRIP@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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