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Subject: VT Medicaid EHRIP Updates: MACRA/MIPS Rule Finalized; PY2016 Participation Deadlines; CMS Public Health Registry Repository; New Contact Email for the EHRIP Team

To All Vermont Medicaid EHR Incentive Program Participants:

The Vermont Medicaid EHRIP Team has been hard at work finalizing Program Year 2015 applications for payment, and we appreciate your patience as we wrap up the last of our reviews, information requests and approvals.

MACRA/MIPS RULE FINALIZED

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) recently finalized its policy implementing the Merit-Based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) and the Advanced Alternative Payment Model (APM) incentive payment provisions in the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015 (MACRA), collectively referred to as the Quality Payment Program. **What does MIPS mean for the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program?** MIPS applies to physicians and clinicians providing services under Medicare Part B. **MIPS does not replace the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program, which will continue through program year 2021.** Clinicians who are eligible for the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program will continue to attest to their respective State Medicaid Agencies to receive their incentive payments. If those clinicians are also Medicare Part B clinicians, they may also participate in MIPS. **More information:** Press release: <http://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2016/10/14/hhs-finalizes-streamlined-medicare-payment-system-rewards-clinicians-quality-patient-care.html> To learn more about the rule, visit: <https://qualitypaymentprogram.cms.gov/education>

PROGRAM YEAR 2016 PARTICIPATION DEADLINES

Program Year 2016 is the last year providers can BEGIN receiving payments in the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program. If there are new providers at your practice who have not yet participated in the Medicare or Medicaid EHR Incentive Program, now is the time to get them registered. Providers can attest to Adopt, Implement or Upgrade (AIU) if this is their first year participating. If you are not sure of a provider's history of participation in the EHRIP, we can confirm whether or not they have attested and received payment in a previous Program Year. Contact the EHRIP Team at ahs.dvhaEHRIP@vermont.gov with the provider's name and NPI, and we will confirm their status. Providers will have until March 31, 2017 to submit Program Year 2016 applications in MAPIR. This deadline applies to all attestations, both AIU and Meaningful Use, for new and current participants. You will find the latest guidance for Program Year 2016 EHRIP attestations at our website: <http://healthdata.vermont.gov/ehrip/2016> and at the [CMS Program Year 2016 site](#).

CMS PUBLIC HEALTH REGISTRY REPOSITORY

CMS is developing a centralized repository for public health agency (PHA) and clinical data registry (CDR) reporting. The repository will assist providers in finding entities that accept electronic public health data to enable providers to meet the Public Health Meaningful Use Objective 10. This measure requires program participants to be in active engagement with a PHA or CDR to submit electronic public health data. The repository CMS is creating will make it easier for providers to find available registries in Vermont and nationally. For more information about Program Year 2016 Public Health reporting requirements, please see our website: <http://healthdata.vermont.gov/ehrip/2016/PH>

NEW CONTACT EMAIL FOR THE VERMONT MEDICAID EHRIP TEAM

Please note our new EHRIP Team email address: ahs.dvhaEHRIP@vermont.gov. Do not hesitate to contact us with any questions you may have about program rules, MAPIR access, CMS Registration status, application logistics, etc.

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 the [EHRIP Team](#).

Thank you,
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