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Subject: VT Medicaid EHRIP Update 12/15/17: New Providers in Your Organization? Help

with Patient Volume

To All Vermont Medicaid EHR Incentive Program participants:

PROVIDERS NEW TO YOUR ORGANIZATION MAY BE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 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 EHR Incentive Program in another jurisdiction or practice. The EHRIP Team can research a provider's participation history, to check eligibility for the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program going forward. Eligible Professionals may skip more than one year in the Medicaid 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 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, solutions, and tools:

http://healthdata.vermont.gov/ehrip/PatientVolume

Providers can begin submitting Program Year 2017 applications in early January 2018. MAPIR is prepared to process all attestations for Modified-MU2. **The deadline for all 2017 Modified-MU2 EHRIP applications will be March 31, 2018.** Stage 3 applications will be accepted later in the spring of 2018.

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 ahs.dvhaEHRIP@vermont.gov.

Don't hesitate to contact the Vermont Medicaid EHRIP Team with any questions, and be sure to check out the <u>Vermont Medicaid EHRIP website</u> for important information about the program.

Thank you, Lorraine

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