



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

### **MAPIR ATTESTATION DEADLINE FOR PROGRAM YEAR 2018 APPLICATIONS: MARCH 31<sup>ST</sup>, 2019**

The MAPIR system is accepting all Program Year 2018 PIP/EHR Incentive Program applications for returning providers. In order to attest, a provider must have successfully attested to and received payment for at least one previous year of the **Medicaid** Promoting Interoperability/EHR Incentive program. The deadline to submit applications is March 31, 2019. More information, including EP User Guides containing MAPIR screenshots, can be found at our website: <https://healthdata.vermont.gov/ehrip>

### **ALIGNING PROVIDER INFORMATION AT THE CMS R&A SITE**

Successfully attesting in the Vermont Medicaid MAPIR system depends on ensuring the information at the CMS Registration and Attestation site is correctly aligned with the provider's information in the Medicaid system. If you are attesting on behalf of a provider who is new to your organization, or updating an obsolete email contact address, or revising an EHR system CEHRT ID, you can review and modify the CMS R&A information here:

<https://ehrincentives.cms.gov/hitech/login.action>

You must **GO ALL THE WAY THROUGH** the screens at the CMS R&A registration site to accept/agree/submit. This triggers completion of the changes and creates a file update that will be sent to MAPIR in 24-48 hours. If you need help with the CMS website, contact their help desk at [NLRProdSupport@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:NLRProdSupport@cms.hhs.gov) or call toll free: (833) 238-0203 Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Voicemail is available outside of regular operating hours.

### **PROGRAM YEAR 2019 IS UNDERWAY FOR TRACKING ELIGIBILITY AND MU MEASURES**

CMS has posted the [Specification Sheets](#) for 2019 Medicaid Promoting Interoperability Program requirements at their [PY2019 webpage](#). Highlights:

- 2015 Certified EHR System is required.
- All providers will be attesting to Meaningful Use Stage 3 Objectives and Measures.
- 90-Day Promoting Interoperability/EHR Reporting Period for MU Objectives and Measures.
- Full Calendar Year Reporting Period for Clinical Quality Measures.
- Changes to Public Health Reporting Options.

More information and guidance will be posted at our [website](#) as it becomes available.

### **MAXIMIZING PROVIDER PARTICIPATION THROUGH THE END OF THE PROGRAM**

Per CMS statute, the Promoting Interoperability/EHR Incentive Program ends December 31, 2021. States have been informed that the final incentive payments (other than appeals and adjustments) must be made by December 31, 2021. This means that the provider application cycle for Program Year 2021 will be different than previous years. It is likely that the final years of the program — 2019, 2020, and 2021 — will have shortened Grace Periods during which providers may submit their payment applications: 60 days vs. 90 days, similar to the Medicare Quality Payment Programs. The program's time frame is mandated by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). As the Vermont Medicaid PIP/EHRIP Team learns more from CMS about the upcoming years of participation, and develops the process for application submission and reviews, we will keep you informed through our website and our email communications. Please be watching for these updates, and contact us with any questions: [ahs.dvhaEHRIP@vermont.gov](mailto:ahs.dvhaEHRIP@vermont.gov).

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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](mailto: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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