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PIP/EHRIP UPDATES

STATE OF VERMONT PROMOTING INTEROPERABILITY PROGRAM



CONCLUDING PY2019 REVIEWS AND PAYMENTS

Thank you for your patience as the PIP/EHRIP Team reviewed Program Year 2019 applications. All submissions have received their initial reviews and have either been approved for further processing or are awaiting receipt of corrections or additional documentation. If you have received a request for information, please respond promptly so that we may finalize all payments.

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IMPORTANT DATES:

- **September 1, 2020:**
PY2020 Attestation window opens
- **October 3, 2020:**
Start of last reporting period for PY2020
- **January 31, 2021:**
PY2020 Attestation window closes



PREPARING FOR PY2020 ATTESTATION

The current Promoting Interoperability Program sunsets at the end of 2021. As a result, reporting and attestation periods will become truncated to facilitate administration of the program. This will allow for final incentive payments to be paid out by the end of December in 2021. For the first time in the program, the attestation window will open **during** the program reporting year. **The PY2020 attestation window opens September 1, 2020 and closes January 31, 2021.**

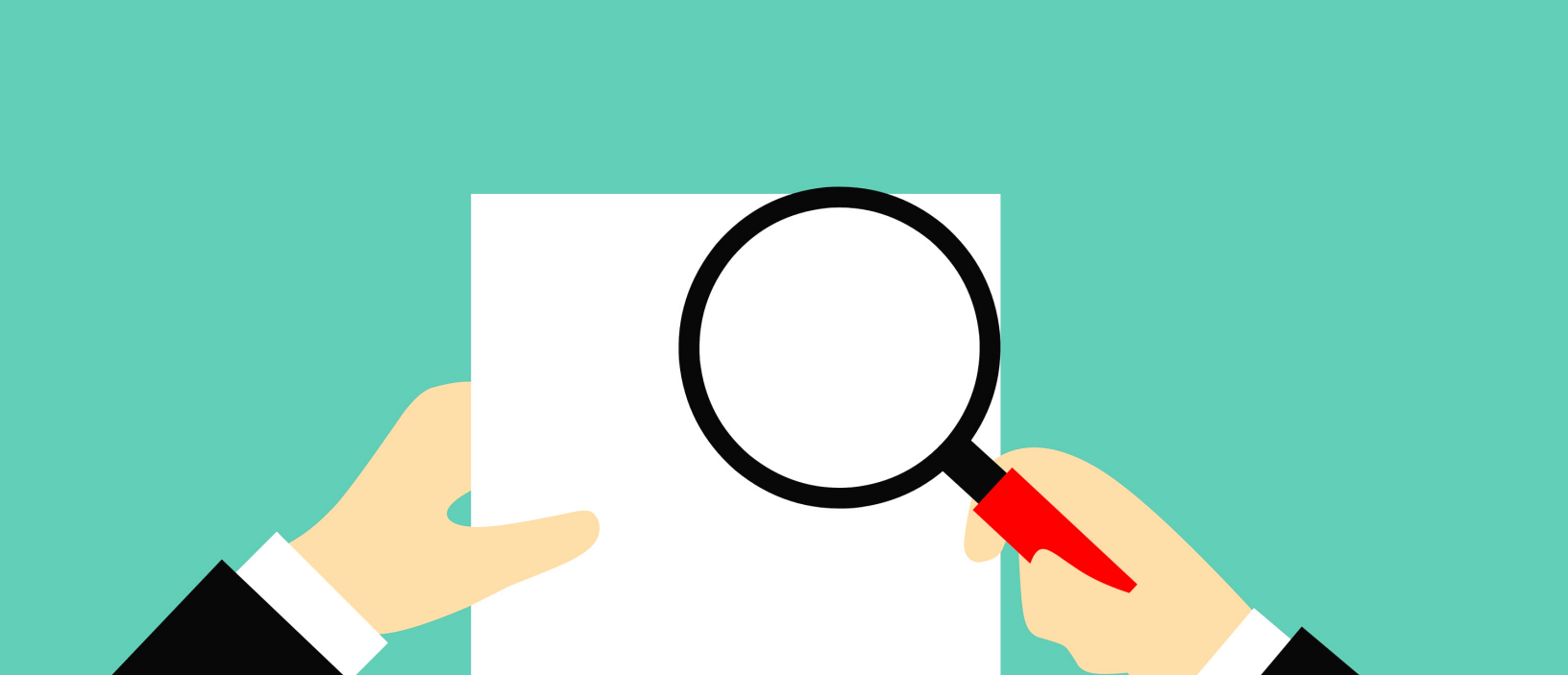
We encourage you to start preparing for attestation by reviewing the current program requirements, which can be found on our website [here](#). You will find guidance on a variety of topics such as the new 90-day eCQM reporting period, updated public health reporting, and new MAPIR 6.3 user guides. Develop a plan now to review your progress, so that any needed clinical workflow adjustments are in place in time for the final 90-day reporting period of the year (October 3, 2020 - December 31, 2020).

We also offer web-based consultations to help further your understanding of the PY2020 eligibility, reporting and documentation requirements. Please email us at ahs.dvhaEHRIP@vermont.gov to schedule a consultation.

eCQMS HAVE BEEN UPDATED FOR PY2020

Each year CMS updates eCQMs that have been adopted for submission to the Promoting Interoperability Program and other CMS quality reporting programs. There are several resources available to review PY2020 eCQM requirements:

- eCQI Resource Center website [here](#)
- Vermont PIP/EHRIP PY2020 page [here](#)
- CMS.gov eCQM basics webpage [here](#)



AUDIT UPDATES AND REMINDERS

We'd like to remind providers how important it is to **keep their audit supporting documentation for six years.**

If you're contacted that you've been selected for an audit, it's imperative that you're able to retrieve all of your audit supporting documentation.

We strongly encourage providers to have multiple people within their organization aware of the location of the supporting documentation. This will ensure the program always has someone that knows where and how to locate the documentation if selected for an audit.

You can also consult your EHR vendor and ask about the capability of your system to retrieve, store, and manage old data. This is especially important if you are undergoing system changes or upgrades.

The Audit Tip Sheet has been revised. Please review it on our website [here](#).

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