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Dear Provider:

This letter provides updated information regarding the Stage 1 and Stage 2 Public Health Meaningful Use Objectives as related to the CMS Medicare and Medicaid Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Programs in New Hampshire.

A new readiness letter for the 2015 attestation period (2015 reporting year) will be forthcoming; however since some Eligible Professionals (EPs) will be attesting for Stage 2 during the last quarter of 2014, this letter is intended to be kept with your files, along with other meaningful use documents you may have to support 2014 public health reporting measures.

The information contained in the prior DPHS Meaningful Use Readiness Update October 2013 letter is still applicable for the remainder of the 2014 attestation period for EPs.

EPs and Eligible Hospitals (EHs) are encouraged to visit the following website for any CMS updates: www.cms.gov/EHRIncentivePrograms.

For Stage 1, EHs have the option to attest to the syndromic surveillance measure for 2014. EPs may claim exclusions (as applicable) when attesting for a Medicare, or Medicaid, EHR Incentive Program payment.

For Stage 2, the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (NH DHHS) is only accepting electronic syndromic surveillance data and electronic laboratory data from EHs for 2014. EPs may claim exclusions (as applicable) when attesting for a Medicare, or Medicaid, EHR Incentive Program payment.

NH DHHS is in the process of determining if it intends to accept cancer case reporting from EPs beginning with the 2015 reporting year.

Until NH DHHS can implement solutions for the other public health meaningful use objectives, both EPs and EHs may claim exclusions (as applicable) when attesting for a CMS Medicare and Medicaid EHR Incentive Program payment.

NH DHHS will provide periodic updates on the status of the public health meaningful use solutions on the NH DHHS web site at <http://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dphs/bphsi/meaningful-use.htm> as well as the Regional Extension Center of New Hampshire website at www.recnh.org.

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