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Dear Provider:

This letter provides updated information on the Stage 3 Public Health Promoting Interoperability Program Objectives as related to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Medicare and Medicaid Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Programs in New Hampshire. CMS renamed the EHR Incentive Programs to the Promoting Interoperability Programs in April 2018.

CMS released a final rule that specifies criteria that eligible clinicians (ECs), eligible hospitals (EHs), and critical access hospitals (CAHs) must meet in order to participate in the Medicare and Medicaid Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Programs. The final rule's provisions encompass 2015 through 2017 (Modified Stage 2) as well as Stage 3. Both of these programs require that eligible clinicians (ECs), eligible critical access hospitals (CAHs) and eligible hospitals (EHs) report on Public Health Meaningful Use Objectives, as applicable, when attesting as a meaningful user of Certified EHR Technology (CEHRT).

For recent information on the 2015 Edition Final Rule Public Health Meaningful Use Objectives, please visit the CMS EHR Incentive Programs website at:

[Promoting Interoperability Programs | CMS](#)

The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (NH DHHS) continues its readiness for:

- Stage 3 Electronic Laboratory Reporting (ELR) measure for EHs, CAHs,
- Stage 3 Cancer Registry Reporting for ECs.

For the 2022 Program Year quarter 4, we are declaring readiness for:

- Stage 3 electronic case reporting (eCR) (eligible hospitals, critical access hospitals, and clinicians that have EHR/HIT products currently working with the eCR onboarding team to register for Active Engagement Option 1: Registration for CY2022.) Please email your intent to DHHS.DPHS-Meaningfu@dhhs.nh.gov.
- Stage 3 Immunization Registry (eligible hospitals, critical access hospitals, and clinicians that have EHR/HIT products currently working with the Immunization onboarding team) for registration and email responses to use for attestation please contact the NH Immunization Information System (NHIIS) directly via email @ nhiis.support@dhhs.nh.gov. Visit the NHIIS web page @ <https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/programs-services/disease-prevention/immunizations/nh-immunization-information-system>.

EHS and CAHs will need to continue sending Syndromic Surveillance measure data in a format compatible with Modified Stage 2 specifications until such time that readiness for Stage 3 is announced.

Providers can take exclusions when applicable for measures that NH DHHS has not declared readiness for Stage 3 in Program Year 2022.

Please note that there is a need to revalidate data submissions whenever a CAH, EH or EC updates or purchases new certified software.

NH DHHS will continue to provide periodic updates on the NH DHHS web site at <https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/programs-services/population-health/promoting-interoperability-program>

Please contact Jerry Bardsley either via email (Gerald.S.Bardsley@dhhs.nh.gov) or telephone (603-271-0548) if you have questions or need further information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Chiahui Chawla', written in a cursive style.

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