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Dear Provider:

This letter, and the enclosed Fact Sheet and Quick Reference Guide, provide updated information on the 2015 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. Both of these programs require that Eligible Professionals (EPs) 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 information on Stage 1 and Stage 2 Public Health Meaningful Use Objectives, please visit the CMS EHR Incentive Programs website at www.cms.gov/EHRIncentivePrograms. For additional information regarding EH and EP participation in the Public Health Meaningful Use Objectives in the CMS Medicare and Medicaid EHR Incentive Programs in New Hampshire, please refer to the enclosures 'DPHS Meaningful Use Stage 2 Fact Sheet' and 'DPHS Meaningful Use Quick Reference Guide.'

Regarding New Hampshire's readiness for Public Health Meaningful Use Objectives for Stage 1 and Stage 2, reporting year 2015, the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (NH DHHS) continues its readiness for the Syndromic Surveillance measure and the Electronic Laboratory Reporting (ELR) measure for EHs only. For Stage 1, EH's need only select one when attesting as a meaningful user of CEHRT. For Stage 1 and Stage 2 measures for which NH DHHS is not ready, EPs and EHs may claim exclusions as applicable when attesting for a Medicare, or Medicaid, EHR Incentive Program payment.

For reporting year 2016, NH DHHS will continue its readiness for the Syndromic Surveillance measure and ELR measure for EHs. Additionally, NH DHHS anticipates declaring readiness for the Immunization Registry measure for EHs and EPs as well as the Cancer Case Reporting measure for EPs.

Additional information on registration and participation in the Public Health Meaningful Use measures will be made available on the Department of Public Health Services website. NH DHHS requests that EHs and EPs participating in CMS Medicare and Medicaid EHR Incentive Programs in New Hampshire make preparations for these additional measures so that CEHRT and processes are in place to allow attestation for the 2016 incentive program payments year.

NH DHHS will continue to 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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For more information on how to participate in the EHR Incentive Program for Medicare or Medicaid, please contact the Regional Extension Center of New Hampshire at 603-717-5420 or visit www.recnh.org.

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Enclosures: DPHS MU Fact Sheet
 DPHS MU Quick Reference Guide