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Dear Provider:

This letter provides updated information on the 2016 – 2017 Modified Stage 2 and Stage 3 Public Health Meaningful Use Objectives as related to the CMS Medicare and Medicaid Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Programs in New Hampshire.

CMS released a [final rule](#) that specifies criteria that eligible professionals (EPs), 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 in 2018 and beyond. Both of these programs require that Eligible Professionals and Eligible Hospitals report on Public Health Meaningful Use Objectives, as applicable, when attesting as a meaningful user of Certified EHR Technology (CEHRT).

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

<https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/EHRIncentivePrograms/index.html>

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 enclosed *Updated Meaningful Use Quick Reference Guide 2016 –2017 Program Years*.

Regarding New Hampshire's readiness for Public Health Meaningful Use Objectives for Program Year 2017, the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (NH DHHS) continues its readiness for the Modified Stage 2 Syndromic Surveillance measure and the Electronic Laboratory Reporting (ELR) measure for EHs using 2014 certified technology and Cancer Registry Reporting using 2014 certified technology for EPs following implementation guides as referenced in the enclosed *Quick Reference Guide*.

DPHS is declaring readiness, through this communication, for Stage 3 Measure 6 Electronic Laboratory Reporting for EHs using 2015 certified technology and following the implementation guide as referenced in the enclosed *Quick Reference Guide*. Readiness for this Measure will be in place for January 1, 2017. Please note that there may be a need to revalidate if a hospital updates or purchases new certified software.

Regarding New Hampshire's readiness for Public Health Meaningful Use Objectives for Program Year 2016, 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 and Cancer Registry Reporting for EPs only.

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](http://www.recnh.org).

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](http://www.recnh.org).

Please contact Jerry Bardsley either via email ([jbardsley@dhhs.state.nh.us](mailto:jbardsley@dhhs.state.nh.us)) or telephone (603-271-0548) if you have questions or need further information.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure: *Updated Meaningful Use Quick Reference Guide 2016 –2017 Program Years*