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Dear Provider:

This letter provides updated information on the 2018 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. Both of these programs require that Eligible Professionals (EPs), Eligible Hospitals (EHs) and Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs) 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, CAH 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 2018 dated June 2017*.

Regarding New Hampshire's readiness for Public Health Meaningful Use Objectives for Program Year 2018, the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (NH DHHS) is declaring readiness for:

- Stage 3 Electronic Laboratory Reporting (ELR) measure for EHs and CAHs
- Stage 3 Cancer Registry Reporting (under Public Health Registries) for EPs

Stage 3 requires the use of 2015 certified technology following implementation guides per the final rule.

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

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>.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brook Dupee', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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Informatics

Enclosure: *Updated Meaningful Use Quick Reference Guide 2018 Program Years dated June 2017*