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


NH DPHS declared readiness in June 2016 for Public Health Meaningful Use Objectives for Program Year 2017 optional Stage 3 Measure 6 Electronic Laboratory Reporting for EHs using 2015 certified technology and following the implementation guide as referenced in the *Updated Meaningful Use Quick Reference Guide 2016–2017 dated February 2017*.

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](http://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dphs/bphsi/meaningful-use.htm).

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Sincerely,

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