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Dear Provider:

This letter, and the enclosed *2015 Quick Reference Guide* from the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (NH DHHS), Division of Public Health Services (DPHS), provides updated information on the 2015 Modified Stage 2 Public Health Meaningful Use Objectives as related to the CMS Medicare and Medicaid Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Programs in New Hampshire. A separate letter will provide updated information on the 2016 Modified Stage 2 Public Health Meaningful Use Objectives.

CMS recently 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 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 EPs, EHs and CAHs report on Public Health Meaningful Use Objectives, as applicable, when attesting as a meaningful user of Certified EHR Technology (CEHRT).

For information on Modified Stage 2 Public Health Meaningful Use Objectives, please visit the [CMS EHR Incentive Programs](#) website. For additional information regarding EP, EH and CAH 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 *Meaningful Use Quick Reference Guide – 2015 Program Year*.

Regarding NH DHHS' readiness for Public Health Meaningful Use Objectives for Modified Stage 2 in reporting year 2015, the NH DHHS continues its readiness for the Syndromic Surveillance, and Electronic Laboratory Reporting (ELR), measures which are applicable to EHs and CAHs for Program Year 2015. EHs and CAHs scheduled to be in Modified Stage 2 in 2015 must meet 3 measures; however, the rule provides an Alternate Specification in which an EH or CAH scheduled to be in Stage 1 in 2015 may meet 2 measures. For Modified Stage 2 measures for which NH DHHS is not ready, EPs, EHs and CAHs may claim exclusions as applicable when attesting for a Medicare, or Medicaid, EHR Incentive Program payment.

NH DHHS will continue to provide periodic updates on the status of the Public Health Meaningful Use solutions on the [Meaningful Use in the Division of Public Health Services](#) web page as well as the [Regional Extension Center of New Hampshire](#) website.

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.

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.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brook Dupee". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "B" and a long, sweeping underline.

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Informatics and Contract Officer

Enclosure: Meaningful Use 2015 Quick Reference Guide