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Dear Provider:

This letter, and the enclosed *2016 Quick Reference Guide and 2016 Fact Sheet* from the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (NH DHHS), Division of Public Health Services (DPHS), provides updated information on the 2016 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.

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 the 2015 Edition Final Rule Public Health Meaningful Use Objectives, 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 in 2016, please refer to the enclosed *Meaningful Use Quick Reference Guide – 2016 Program Year* and *Meaningful Use Fact Sheet – 2016 Program Year*.

Regarding NH DHHS' readiness for Public Health Meaningful Use Objectives for the 2016 program year, 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 2016. NH DHHS is also ready for Cancer Registry Reporting for EPs in program year 2016. EHs and CAHs must meet 3 measures in 2016. EPs must meet 2 measures in 2016. For measures for which DHHS is not ready, EPs, EHs and CAHs may claim exclusion, 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 Objectives 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.

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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". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "B" and a long, sweeping tail.

Brook Dupee
Chief
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Informatics and Contract Officer

Enclosures: Meaningful Use 2016 Quick Reference Guide
Meaningful Use 2016 Fact Sheet