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Dear Provider:

This letter provides updated information on the Modified Stage 2 and Stage 3 Public Health Meaningful Use Objectives as related to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (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 2018 (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 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 *Meaningful Use Quick Reference Guide 2018 Program Year, dated February 2018*.

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) continues its readiness for the Modified Stage 2 Syndromic Surveillance measure for EHs and CAHs, Modified Stage 2 or Stage 3 Electronic Laboratory Reporting (ELR) measure for EHs and CAHs and Modified Stage 2 or Stage 3 Cancer Registry Reporting for EPs. Note: For the purposes of the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program, the federal statute authorizes eligible professionals attesting to Modified Stage 2 MU in 2018 to submit data to the cancer registry via CEHRT or other electronic means.

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

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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>.

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 cursive script that reads "Susan Fischer Davis".

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Enclosure: *Meaningful Use Quick Reference Guide 2018 Program Year, dated February 2018*