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Dear Provider:

This letter provides updated information on the 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 recent 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>

The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (NH DHHS) continues its readiness for Stage 3 Electronic Laboratory Reporting (ELR) measure for EHs, CAHs, and 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 Stage 3 MU in 2020 to submit data to the cancer registry via CEHRT or other electronic means.

EHs and CAHs will need to continue sending Syndromic Surveillance measure data in a format compatible with Modified Stage 2 specifications until such time that readiness for Stage 3 is announced. Providers can take exclusions when applicable for measures that NH DHHS has not declared readiness for Stage 3 in Program Year 2020.

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.nh.gov](mailto:jbardsley@dhhs.nh.gov)) or telephone (603-271-0548) if you have questions or need further information.

Sincerely,

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