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Dear Provider:

This letter provides updated information on the Stage 3 Public Health Promoting Interoperability Program Objectives as related to the CMS Medicare and Medicaid Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Programs in New Hampshire. CMS renamed the EHR Incentive Programs to the Promoting Interoperability Programs in April 2018

CMS released a final rule that specifies criteria that eligible clinicians (ECs), 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 clinicians, eligible critical access hospitals and eligible hospitals report on Public Health Meaningful Use Objectives, as applicable, when attesting as a meaningful user of Certified EHR Technology (CEHRT).

In the fall of 2022, CMS finalized changes to the Medicare Promoting Interoperability Program for eligible hospitals and critical access hospitals for calendar year (CY) 2023. The most current changes and requirements can be found below.

Please visit the CMS EHR Incentive Programs website at: [Promoting Interoperability Programs | CMS](#)

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,
- Stage 3 Cancer Registry Reporting for ECs,
- Stage 3 Immunization Registry EHs, CAHs and ECs
 - For registration and email responses to use for attestation please contact the Immunization Program directly. [NH Immunization Information System | New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services](#)

For the 2023 Program Year we are declaring readiness for:

- Stage 3 eCR (eligible hospitals, critical access hospitals, and clinicians)
- that have EHR/HIT products [Certified Health IT Products List](#)
- Please email your intent to onboard to DHHS.DPHS-Meaningfu@dhhs.nh.gov
- A registration form will be made available following your intent
- Work with your EHR vendor to connect to the [APHL AIMS Platform](#)
- Enter a testing and validation status where your eCR data undergoes testing and validation by AIMS

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- Note: You must continue your existing reporting method for reportable conditions until you receive official notification from NH DPHS authorizing you to discontinue manual reporting. This parallel process will continue until we notify you that parallel reporting can discontinue, likely a period extending into mid-2024.

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 2023.

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

NH DHHS will continue to provide periodic updates on the NH DHHS web site at [Promoting Interoperability Program | New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services \(nh.gov\)](#)

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