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Dear Provider:

This letter provides updated information on the 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 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).

Additional Information can be found on the CMS EHR Incentive Programs website at [FY 2025 Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment System \(IPPS\) and Long-Term Care Hospital Prospective Payment System \(LTCH PPS\) Final Rule -- CMS-1808-F | CMS](#).

The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (NH DHHS) continues its readiness for:

- Electronic Laboratory Result (ELR) Reporting measure for EHs, CAHs
- Cancer Registry Reporting measure for ECs
- Immunization Registry Reporting for EHs, CAHs and ECs
  - For registration and email responses to use for attestation please contact the Immunization Program directly at [nhiis.support@dhhs.nh.gov](mailto:nhiis.support@dhhs.nh.gov). Website link: [NH Immunization Information System | New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services](#)
- Electronic Case Reporting (eCR) for 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](mailto: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 followed by PHA soft go live and validation and post go-live activity.
  - 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.

The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (NH DHHS) reestablishes its readiness for:

- Syndromic Surveillance Reporting measure for EHs, CAHs,
  - All hospitals have previously registered and do not need to re-register.
  - Facilities should continue to send Syndromic Surveillance data using the existing formats and protocols while updating or correcting feeds, unless DPHS Syndromic Surveillance program staff request the facility to discontinue transmission.
  - For information, to start or restart onboarding, and to request the status for attestation please contact the Syndromic Surveillance mailbox at [nhsyndromicsurveillance@dhhs.nh.gov](mailto:nhsyndromicsurveillance@dhhs.nh.gov)
  - EHs and CAHs will need to work with DPHS program staff to achieve specifications according to published guidance.
  - DHHS has developed a local implementation guide that can be obtained by emailing the program.
  - Note: For Promoting Interoperability measure, the Syndromic Surveillance Registry is ready as of January 1, 2025.
  - For Program Year 2025, providers may qualify for exclusions, when applicable, for measures that NH DHHS has not declared readiness six months prior to the start of the self-selected EHR Reporting Period.

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 \(nh.gov\)](#)

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.

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