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TO: Eligible Providers and Hospitals Participating in the EHR Incentive Program

FROM: Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

DATE: June 11, 2013

RE: Information About Fulfilling Stage 2 Meaningful Use Requirements for Public Health Reporting

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) will continue to accept all three public health objectives: Immunization (from hospitals and providers), Lab Reporting (from hospitals only), Syndromic Surveillance (from hospitals only). Beginning January 1, 2014, DHMH will also start accepting electronic transmissions for the Stage 2 public health objective cancer registry submission (from providers only).

To participate in Stage 2 Meaningful Use, providers and hospitals must signal their intent by following the instructions provided on the EHR Incentive Program website at
https://mmcp.dhmh.maryland.gov/ehr/SitePages/PublicHealthObjectives_main.aspx

PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR STAGE 2

Stage 2 of Meaningful Use requires providers and hospitals to perform successful ongoing submission of public health measures. Stage 2 also adds certain specialized registries to public health reporting options offered to providers. Maryland will allow submission to the Cancer Registry.

As of June 14, 2011, the Maryland State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) began accepting electronic transmissions for the three Stage 1 Meaningful Use public health objectives: Immunization, Laboratory Reporting, and Syndromic Surveillance. Providers and hospitals participating in EHR Incentive Program under Stage 1 of Meaningful Use had to select at least one of the three public health objectives and conduct testing or perform ongoing submission.

Under Stage 2 of Meaningful Use, providers and hospitals must perform successful ongoing submission of these same public health objectives. Table 1 lists the public health objectives and the EHR Incentive Program recipient required to perform successful ongoing submission.

Table 1: Stage 2 Meaningful Use Public Health Objective Reporting Requirements

Public Health Objective*	Providers	Hospitals
Successful ongoing submission of electronic immunization data from CEHRT to an immunization registry or immunization information system for the entire reporting period.	Required	Required
Successful ongoing submission of electronic syndromic surveillance data from CEHRT to a public health agency for the entire EHR reporting period.	Not Required[¥]	Required
Successful ongoing submission of electronic reportable laboratory results from CEHRT to a public health agency for the entire EHR reporting period.	Not Required	Required

* Exclusions apply.

¥ At this time, Maryland Medicaid is not accepting syndromic surveillance data from providers.

Stage 2 also provides for public health reporting for cancer and other specialized registries. These are optional for providers and unavailable for hospitals. Beginning January 1, 2014, for Stage 2 participants, Maryland will be accepting electronic transmissions to the cancer registry.

REGISTRATION OF INTENT

Providers that intend to meet Stage 2 Meaningful Use public health objectives must register their intent to do so with DHMH. Providers must register their intent with DHMH no later than the 60th day of the start of their EHR reporting period.

The EHR reporting period is the time period through which a provider or hospital seeking Meaningful Use incentive payments must demonstrate meaningful use of EHR. The earliest that providers and hospitals can demonstrate Stage 2 Meaningful Use is 2014 (calendar year 2014 for eligible professionals and fiscal year 2014 for eligible hospitals and critical access hospitals).

To learn more about this process, please go to
https://mmcp.dhmh.maryland.gov/ehr/SitePages/PublicHealthObjectives_main.aspx

If you have questions about any area of the EHR Incentive Program, please direct your questions to the appropriate contact.

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