

## Important Message

### Connecticut Medicaid Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Program

#### Attention Eligible Professionals (EPs): Updated Guidance on Reporting Menu Objectives in Stage 1 Meaningful Use (MU) in Program Year 2014

EPs participating in Stage 1 of the EHR Incentive Programs are required to report on a total of 5 MU objectives from the menu set of 9 objectives. When selecting five objectives from the menu set, EPs must choose at least one option from the public health menu set.

EPs are encouraged to select menu objectives that are relevant to their scope of practice, and claim exclusion for a menu objective only in cases where there are no remaining menu objectives for which they qualify or if there are no remaining menu objectives that are relevant to their scope of practice. Connecticut's Medical Assistance Provider Incentive Repository (MAPIR) attestation system may prompt an EP to report on additional measures if he or she claims exclusion. This is because for program year 2014 forward, the exclusion criteria no longer counts as reporting a meaningful use objective from the menu set. An EP must meet the measure criteria for the objectives or report on all of the menu set objectives through a combination of meeting the exclusions and meeting the measures.

The Connecticut Medicaid EHR Incentive Program recently announced that due to the periodic functionality issues experienced by the Department of Public Health's (DPH) MUST portal, EPs can claim exclusion for public health measures in Program Year 2014. Claiming exclusion for the public health measure may count as one of the five required menu measures. The EP must still meet at least four other non-public health menu measures.

However, Connecticut's Medical Assistance Provider Incentive Repository (MAPIR) attestation system is not programmed for the above scenario. Currently, if a provider claims exclusions from both public health menu measures, they have to meet five from the remaining non-public health menu objectives.

MAPIR will not allow providers to proceed by claiming an exclusion from one public health menu measure and selecting only four menu measures from the seven available non-public health menu measures. EPs can successfully attest to Meaningful Use by choosing one of two options:

#### Option 1:

1. Claim exclusion from both public health menu measures
2. Report on every menu measures that the system contains data on, making sure the provider successfully passes 4 of the menu measures.
3. Claim exclusions for any remaining menu measures that do not pertain to their practice, negating their ability to collect reportable data.
4. Be sure to upload supporting documentation for all reported menu measures.



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#### Option 2:

Claim exclusion from both public health menu measures and then report on and pass five menu measures.

In Option 1 explained above, EPs may get a message during the submission process that they do not meet MU objectives. EPs should validate that the rejection message is due to the inability to meet five non-public health menu measures and that they are not failing any of the core objectives.

The Department is currently reviewing all pended applications for program year 2014. Through the review process, the Department will identify any eligible professionals who do not meet the specifications in the two options. The Department will contact the individual Eligible Professional to provide guidance on how to successfully attest using one of the options above.

#### **Resources: Got questions? Please contact the following for assistance:**

- 1-855-313-6638, Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm EST
- [ctmedicaid-ehr@hp.com](mailto:ctmedicaid-ehr@hp.com)

