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MEMORANDUM

TO: NC Local Health Departments

FROM: Christy Fitch, Medicaid Health Information Technology Program Manager

DATE: December 12, 2011

RE: Local Health Department Medicaid EHR Incentive Program attestation process

In an effort to help eligible professionals (EPs) apply for and receive EHR Payments, the Division of Medical Assistance (DMA) has issued this memo to explain the method for EPs at Local Health Departments (LHDs) to attest for the NC Medicaid EHR Incentive Program using the group methodology.

EPs have the option to attest for the EHR Incentive Program using group or individual methodology. Under the individual methodology, EPs must individually meet the 30% Medicaid patient volume and have claims data to support this. Under the group methodology, the patient volume threshold of 30% may be met using the group's eligible claims.

The Program does not formally recommend one attestation methodology over the other; each EP is free to choose either individual or group method. However, the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program's NC-MIPS system, through which professionals attest for an incentive payment, has seen many delays in attestation validation and payment processing due to difficulty validating the complex patient volume calculation. As a result, it has been determined that, in most cases, LHD EPs who attest using the group methodology will face more expeditious processing than those who select individual methodology.

In order for individual providers to use group methodology, and thus, the group's eligible claims to meet their Medicaid patient volume, LHDs must provide confirmation that those providers are affiliated with the LHD. For this reason, we request that LHDs complete and return the attached template on LHD letterhead, which identifies all EPs working at that LHD.

It is important that all EPs at a single LHD who choose to use group methodology use the same 90-day reporting period and group patient volume numerator and denominator when attesting for incentive payments. In addition, Medicaid requests that all EPs at a single LHD submit their attestations within a 60-day window of submission of the group letter. This will help our technical team to coordinate all relevant EPs and speed up the validation and payment process.

Additional information and program announcements are available on the North Carolina



Medicaid Electronic Health Record Incentive Program website at:
<http://www.ncdhhs.gov/dma/provider/ehr.htm>.

If you need any help assisting providers with the attestation process or have a question regarding the status of a payment, please contact the Call Center at 1-866-844-1113.

If you have questions about the Program or eligibility, please contact
NCMedicaid.HIT@dhhs.nc.gov or 919-855-4200.

Please also feel free to contact me directly at 919-855-4207 if you need additional assistance on any issue.

