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TO: Pennsylvania Association of Community Health Center Members
FROM: Cheri Rinehart, President & CEO
SUBJECT: Pennsylvania Medicaid EHR Incentive Program

Issue: The Medicaid Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Payment Program, created by the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act and administered by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) provides funding to states to incentivize providers to adopt EHRs and move toward meaningful use of those EHRs. The Pennsylvania EHR Incentive Program is scheduled to launch **June 6, 2011** and PACHC wants to ensure that all health centers in Pennsylvania are poised to take full advantage of this program that can provide much-needed resources to adopt, implement or improve EHR systems.

Background: The Medicaid EHR Incentive Payment Program was created by the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act and is administered by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). This program provides enhanced federal match to states to develop and administer provider incentive programs: states receive 90/10 percent match for program administration expenses and 100 percent match for provider incentive payments.

The Medicaid EHR Incentive Program encourages provider adoption, implementation and meaningful use of EHRs. Eligible Professionals (EPs) could be eligible to receive payments of up to \$63,750 (\$42,500 for Pediatricians) over a six-year period. Medicaid EPs include doctors, dentists, nurse practitioners and certified nurse midwives. To qualify for the Medicaid EHR incentive, EPs must:

- 1- Have a minimum of 30% Medicaid patient volume (20% minimum for pediatricians) OR
- 2- Practice predominantly in an FQHC or RHC and have at least 30% volume of needy individuals (includes Medicaid, CHIP, sliding fee and uncompensated care patient population)

Within the Department of Public Welfare (DPW), the Office of Medical Assistance Programs (OMAP) along with the other agencies is leading the development of the State Medicaid Health Information Technology Plan (SMHP) and the implementation of Health Information Technology (HIT).

Member Action: The go-live date for Pennsylvania's Medical Assistance Provider Incentive Repository (MAPIR), the online provider registration portal for the Medicaid EHR incentive, is Monday, June 6, 2011. DPW intends to process payments within 3-4 weeks of approval of Eligible Professional (EP) applications for the incentive, so it behooves health centers to facilitate completion of registration as soon as possible after the system opens for registration.

STEP 1: PREPARATION. Prior to the go-live date, familiarize yourself with the program by listening to [recordings of the webinars](#) DPW hosted on the EHR Incentive Program, reviewing the [Frequently Asked Questions](#), and using the [Eligible Provider Volume Calculator](#). It is likely that the best option for most, if not all, of your health center providers is the group methodology, but you should determine that before your EPs start registering.

STEP 2: CMS EHR CERTIFICATION NUMBER. You will need to have a CMS EHR Certification Number prior to applying for the Medicaid EHR incentive program. In order to obtain this number, visit the Office of the National Coordinator for HIT ([ONC website](#)) and follow the steps. This number will be entered into MAPIR, DPW's web-based system that will track and act as a repository for information related to payment, applications, attestations, appeals, oversight functions, and interface with CMS's EHR Registration and Attestation System.

STEP 3: ELIGIBLE PROFESSIONAL ENROLLMENT IN MA. Each Eligible Professional seeking the incentive must be individually enrolled in Pennsylvania's Medical Assistance Program. The [application](#) can be found on the DPW website and once completed should be emailed to MAProviderEnrollment@state.pa.us. Be sure to include in the email's subject line : MA HIT - EHR Incentive program.

Physicians enroll as Provider Type 31

Dentists enroll as Provider Type 27

CRNPs enroll as Provider Type 09

CNMs enroll as Provider Type 33

PLEASE NOTE: DPW has recently changed its policy and providers working at multiple FQHC sites will also now have to be enrolled at each site in which they are practicing. Once the provider is initially enrolled at one site, a "New Service Location Request" will be required for each additional site. The ["New Service Location Request"](#) is also available on DPW website by clicking the link next to the appropriate provide type (physician, CRNP, dentist, CNM). Providers will be assigned to the Enrolled Not Paid (ENP) program and a fee assignment will be set up for each service location.

Questions or problems with this new enrollment policy may be directed to Melina Cosentino, mcosentino@state.pa.us or phone (717) 772-1778.

STEP 4: PRE-REGISTRATION DATA GATHERING. DPW recommends you take the following steps to prepare for the application process:

- a. Verify Eligibility
- b. Verify Volume Requirements
- c. Verify PROMISe account information is current and accurate (verify TIN, NPI, Provider type)
- d. Verify your CMS EHR Certification ID Number

You will need the following information for the application process: EP NPI number; Payee NPI number (if payment is reassigned by provider to your health center); payee TIN (if payment is reassigned); personal TIN; program option (Medicare or Medicaid); provider type; and email address. It's not too early to start gathering this information.

STEP 5: REGISTRATION WITH CMS. When the registration process opens on June 6, 2011, Eligible Professionals (EPs) in Pennsylvania will first register through the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid (CMS) Registration & Attestation System (also known as NLR). CMS has developed a step-by-step [Medicaid Eligible Profession Registration User Guide](#) to help you through the registration process.

STEP 6: REGISTRATION ON DPW MAPIR SYSTEM. Once registered with CMS, the EP will be notified when they can begin the registration process through Pennsylvania's Medical Assistance Provider Incentive Registry (MAPIR) System. After receiving the notification, EPs (or someone on their behalf) can begin the registration process. DPW is in the process of creating a Provider Manual that will serve as a guide to Pennsylvania's registration process. You will be able to access the manual on the [MAPIR Resources web page](#).

For More Information: Additional information and resources can be found on the [CMS EHR Incentive Program website](#) or the [DPW's EHR Incentive Program website](#).

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