



## What's Coming Up?

### December 31, 2016

This is the **LAST** day eligible providers can enroll and begin attesting to qualify for the EHR Provider Incentive Program. Providers who **BEGIN** this year will not be able to skip years, but will have to attest every year through 2021 to earn **ALL** incentive payments.

### Meaningful Use is NOT Going Away

There is some confusion about the status of attesting for MU. CMS is making some changes about the Medi**CARE** Program and MU. However, it will remain a part of the proposed MIPS Program. MU also remains a vital part of the TennCare Medicaid EHR Provider Incentive Program. Before thinking you can just drop MU, **ASK QUESTIONS**. Contact CMS or the TennCare EHR Incentive Program.

### Attesting for the 2016 Program Year

You can currently submit your attestation if you are attesting for AIU (first year) or the first year of attesting for MU. Attesting for the first year of MU requires only 90 days of MU data in 2016.

If Program Year 2016 is your second or higher year of MU attesting, you must have 365 days of MU data within 2016. This means you will not be able to attest until January 2017.

### CEHRT Updates

The Office of the National Coordinator (ONC) is currently working with vendors of certified EHR

Technology (CEHRT) to create a 2015 Edition. Providers will not be required to use the 2015 Edition until 2018. Stay in touch with your CEHRT vendor to determine the best course of action for you.

### Stage 3 MU

Discussions about Stage 3 MU are continuing. We are not sure of the outcome of those discussions. Current law required states to be able to accept Stage 3 MU attestations for Program 2017. TennCare is currently working to be ready to accept Stage 3 attestations in 2017. Providers are not required to attest to Stage 3 requirements until 2018. Attesting to Stage 3 in 2017 is optional.

### Can't Log In? Forgot/Lost Password? Locked Out?

These things happen to all of us at one time or another. Despite what security experts tell you, we recommend that more than one person have your PIPP portal access information, just in case.

If you have forgotten or lost your password, and cannot reset it using the PIPP portal, send us an email and we will issue you a temporary password to get you in. **Make sure to include the Provider's Name and NPI** when emailing us.

If you are locked out of your User Account, changing the password will not get you back in. Again, send us an email explaining you are locked out. We will unlock the account and give you a temporary password if needed.

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