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SUBJECT Correction to Medical Assistance Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Program Year 2 for Eligible Professionals (EP)		BY  Vincent D. Gordon, Deputy Secretary Office of Medical Assistance Programs

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this bulletin is to issue a correction to the date that Eligible Professionals (EP) may attest to Meaningful Use (MU) in the Medical Assistance Provider Incentive Repository (MAPIR) System Program Year 2 of the Medical Assistance Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Program, effective January 1, 2012.

SCOPE:

This bulletin applies to professionals eligible for participation in the EHR Incentive Program. Eligible professionals include physicians, dentists, pediatricians, certified registered nurse practitioners, certified nurse midwives, and physician assistants who practice predominately in a MA-enrolled Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) or Rural Health Clinic (RHC) that is so led by the physician assistant.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

The Department of Public Welfare (Department) issued MA Bulletin Number 08-11-56 et.al., "Medical Assistance Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Program Year 2 for Eligible Professionals (EP), on December 2, 2011, informing providers about Incentive Program Year 2 registration, attestation, and Meaningful Use (MU) requirements and processes, and how these requirements relate to Payment Year 1 and Payment Year 2. One of the primary changes for the Program Year 2 of the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program is that professionals will have the ability to attest that they meet the MU standards. Please refer to MA Bulletin 08-11-56 to understand MU standards.

Since issuing the bulletin, the Department determined required MAPIR updates necessary for providers to submit MU attestation will be delayed. Availability to attest to MU standards within the MAPIR system was previously stated as being available on March 31, 2012.

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PROCEDURE:

Due to required MAPIR updates, EPs will be able to attest to 90 days of MU beginning April 16, 2012. MU attestation procedures referenced in MA Bulletin 08-11-56 remain unchanged.

ATTACHMENTS:

Eligible Professional Timeline:
www.pamahealthit.org/