

## Important Message

### Connecticut Medicaid Electronic Health Record Incentive

In September 2012, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) released the Final Rule specifying the criteria for Stage 2 Meaningful Use (MU) of the EHR Incentive program. The requirements that eligible professionals (EPs), eligible hospitals (EHs), and critical access hospitals (CAHs) must meet for Stage 2 of MU are scheduled to go into effect in Program Year 2014.

The Stage 2 Final Rule also introduced specific changes to Stage 1 functionality that takes effect in Program Year 2013. These changes to Stage 1 include modifications to specific MU objectives, measures, and exclusions as well as changes to the Medicaid Patient Volume Calculations for the 2013 Program Year. These changes will affect the attestation process for EPs, EHs, and CAHs attesting in program year 2013. For specific information on the changes announced in the Stage 2 Final Rule, please visit the [Stage 2 Section](#) of the CMS Web site.

The Department of Social Services (DSS) wants to inform EPs, EHs and CAHs that Connecticut's Medical Assistance Provider Incentive Repository (MAPIR) system will be updated to Version 5.0 to accommodate the changes announced by CMS in the Stage 2 Final Rule. The update is targeted to go into effect in April 2013.

**Because MAPIR is not yet ready to support the changes in the Final Rule, all EPs, EHs, and CAHs are being asked to refrain from attesting for Program Year 2013 until further notice.** Any Program Year 2013 applications that are started prior to the production implementation date of MAPIR Version 5.0 will need to be aborted and restarted after MAPIR Version 5.0 has been implemented. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause our providers.

**Resources:** Any questions? Please contact the EHR Helpdesk at 1-855-313-6638, Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm EST or email [ctmedicaid-ehr@hp.com](mailto:ctmedicaid-ehr@hp.com).

