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Subject: Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Program Eligibility Verification and Timing Modification

Effective: As Indicated

Programs Affected: Medicaid

The purpose of this bulletin is to modify elements of EHR Incentive Program eligibility verification and the timing of operation.

Eligibility Verification

Bulletin MSA 11-04, issued on February 16, 2011, established the Hospital EHR Incentive Program and outlined the data elements utilized to determine EHR incentive calculations and eligibility for the program. Medicaid-eligible patient volumes are verified each year of a hospital's participation in the EHR Incentive Program. (Children's hospitals are exempt from the volume threshold requirement.) Effective January 1, 2017, MDHHS will select the hospital quarter with the highest Medicaid eligible patient volume (90-day continuous period) from the applicable calendar year's Medicaid Quarterly Report to derive program eligibility. For example, the highest Medicaid-eligible patient volume quarter in 2014 would be used to verify eligibility for a hospital attesting for a 2015 EHR incentive payment.

Timing

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) released a final rule, 42 CFR Parts 412 and 495, that aligns EHR Incentive Program reporting periods with those of other CMS programs. Specifically, the rule changes the EHR Incentive Program reporting period from a federal fiscal year calendar to a reporting period that aligns with the calendar year. This change is effective with the 2015 reporting period.

Manual Maintenance

Retain this bulletin until the information is incorporated into the Michigan Medicaid Provider Manual.

Questions

Any questions regarding this bulletin should be directed to Provider Inquiry, Department of Health and Human Services, P.O. Box 30731, Lansing, Michigan 48909-8231, or e-mail at ProviderSupport@michigan.gov. When you submit an e-mail be sure to include your name, affiliation, and phone number so you may be contacted if necessary. Providers may phone toll-free 1-800-292-2550.

Approved

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