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TO: Nebraska Medicaid Providers

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RE: Medicaid Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Payment Program
Portal and 2014 CEHRT Rules

**Please share this information with Administrative, Billing, Professional and
Clinical Staff**

Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services will be implementing a new computer system to process the Medicaid Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Payments. Beginning Monday October 6, 2014 providers will be able to complete their enrollment for the Nebraska Medicaid EHR Incentive Program through a web portal. A link to the web portal will be available on the DHHS website http://dhhs.ne.gov/medicaid/Pages/med_ehr.aspx.

On August 29, 2014 the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) released a [final rule](#) that allows providers participating in the EHR Incentive Programs to use the 2011 Edition of certified electronic health record technology (CEHRT) for calendar and fiscal year 2014. The rule grants flexibility to providers who are unable to fully implement 2014 Edition CEHRT for an EHR reporting period in 2014 due to delays in 2014 CEHRT availability. Effective October 1, 2014 providers may use EHRs for Program Year 2014 that have been certified under either the 2011 Edition, the 2014 Edition, or a combination of the 2011 and 2014 Editions.

The Nebraska Medicaid EHR Incentive Program web portal will initially be able to accept attestations for AIU (adopt, implement or upgrade) and MU (meaningful use) enrollment for Program Year 2014 with a 2014 Edition CEHRT only. Due to the late decision by CMS in implementing the new final rule changes, Nebraska Medicaid EHR

Incentive Program web portal will not be able to accept 2011 CEHRT and Combination of 2011 and 2014 CEHRT until system modifications are complete later this year. Once modified, Nebraska providers will be able to attest on the Nebraska portal for Program 2014 using the 2011 Edition CEHRT or combination of the 2011 and 2014 Editions.

Per the CMS Final Rule, beginning in Program Year 2015, all providers will be required to enroll using the 2014 Edition CEHRT.

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| Questions? |
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If you have questions regarding this bulletin, please submit them to DHHS.EHRIncentives@nebraska.gov.