

### **URGENT MESSAGE! To All EHR Incentive Program Eligible Professionals seeking to avoid Medicare payment adjustments**

The Department of Social Services has received the following guidance from CMS intended to support providers seeking to avoid Medicare payment adjustments by utilizing the Alternate Attestation option. CMS has stated:

Medicaid Eligible Providers (EPs) who do not qualify to attest to Meaningful Use (MU) with Medicaid for Program Year (PY) 2016 may attest to MU with Medicare in order to avoid Payment Adjustments in 2017 (if they are 1st-time MU attesters in PY 2016) or in 2018 (if they are returning MU attesters in PY 2016).

The Alternate Medicare MU attestation will be available **between January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 and February 28, 2017** to Medicaid EPs who have registered for PY 2016 at the CMS Registration & Attestation UI (CMS RNA).

***Eligible providers wishing to use the alternate attestation process will need to visit the CMS [Registration and Attestation](#) site to ensure their personal information is accurate and submit their registration at CMS. Although the Alternate Medicare MU attestation is done by the Medicaid EP with CMS (through CMS RNA), the registration of the Medicaid EP has to be **CONFIRMED** by CT DSS **BEFORE** the Medicaid EP can proceed with submitting the MU attestation in the CMS RNA. EPs can check their registration status at CMS to determine if it has been confirmed. The registration status must be "Registration Approved by State" in order for the EP to proceed with submitting the MU attestation in the CMS RNA.***

The Medicare Alternate Attestation menu does not become available until CT DSS confirms the Medicaid EP's registration. The confirmation process can take up to 48 hours, so providers will need to plan accordingly.

For any questions on attesting to Connecticut's Medicaid EHR Incentive Program, please contact

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