

REMINDER: HARDSHIP EXEMPTION APPLICATIONS DUE JULY 1, 2014

July 2014

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Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has released a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) that would allow EPs, EHS, and CAHs to use the 2011 Certified EHR (CEHRT), 2014 CEHRT, or a combination of 2011 and 2014 CEHRT to demonstrate MU in FY/CY 2014. However, the NPRM is not final; therefore, EPs that are unable attest to MU by Oct. 1, 2014, should consider applying for a hardship exemption. **EPs who choose to apply for this hardship must do so by July 1, 2014.**

See the flow chart on page 2 to determine whether an EP will be subject to the 2015 Medicare payment adjustment.

For more information, visit http://www.cms.gov/regulations-and-guidance/legislation/EHRincentiveprograms/paymentadj_hardship.html.

Note: October 1 is the attestation deadline for EPs in their first participation year to avoid the 2015 payment adjustment. However, EPs can still demonstrate MU for any 90-day period through December 31, 2014, and earn an incentive payment for CY 2014.

Per the NPRM, beginning in FY/CY 2015, all EHS and EPs will be required to report using 2014 CEHRT.

For more information about the NPRM, visit <http://www.cms.gov/Newsroom/MediaReleaseDatabase/Press-releases/2014-Press-releases-items/2014-05-20.html>.

Contact your national MU consultant for assistance with the Hardship Exemption or for questions about the NPRM. (See <http://www.ihs.gov/meaningfuluse/resourcesoverview/resourcesstaff/>).

REQUIRED PATCHES FOR 2014 CEHRT

After receiving official notification that the 2014 RPMS EHR has been certified, sites will need to install various patches to have the complete 2014 version.



Visit the MU web site at <http://www.ihs.gov/meaningfuluse/certificationoverview> to learn about the relationships among the patches, associated applications, performance measures, and related certification criteria.

Note that the documents on the web site are in draft form; check back for finalized lists after the 2014 RPMS EHR certification is officially announced.

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SHOULD I SUBMIT A HARDSHIP EXEMPTION APPLICATION?

