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SUBJECT: State Medicaid HIT Plan and EHR Incentive Program Patient Volume Calculation Update

MaineCare is proceeding with its planning for the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program. Given the delay in the CMS Final Rule, our current project calls for the implementation of the EHR Incentive Program in April 2011, subject to CMS approval. As you may be aware, the Final Rule expanded eligible providers to include certain hospital employed physicians. Attached is a summary of the eligibility and funding processes. It is important to note that providers must submit their payer mix eligibility data to MaineCare under CMS regulations. CMS offers two options for calculating payer mix and allows the State to offer an alternative that must be approved by CMS. The State must choose one calculation method. We need your input.

As you review the enclosed, it may be beneficial to consult the Final Rule for the EHR Incentive Program available at: <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2010/pdf/2010-17207.pdf>.

MaineCare is requesting your assistance, as representatives of Maine's provider associations, to discuss and provide feedback on the State's patient volume calculation. The attachment includes a description of each of the three options available to the State to calculate provider patient volumes. The calculation that is proposed by MaineCare and approved by CMS will be used to determine provider eligibility for the EHR Incentive Program.

We appreciate your participation in this effort as we continue to work together to improve Maine's health care system through the use of HIT. There are very significant dollars available to qualifying providers through the program and they are 100% federally funded.

If you need further explanation or require additional materials about the EHR Incentive Program please visit: <http://www.cms.gov/EHRIncentivePrograms/>.

Thank you and we look forward to your feedback.

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