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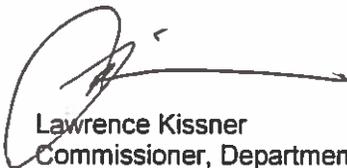
Dear EHR Eligible Providers:

On September 4, 2014, CMS published a final rule that permits 2014 EHR Incentive Program participants more options in the use of certified EHR technology (CEHRT) for the 2014 EHR reporting period. This rule, referred to as the CMS CEHRT Flexibility Rule, becomes effective on October 1, 2014.

In conjunction with the CMS CEHRT Flexibility Rule, Kentucky Medicaid is revising their public health reporting policies to align with CMS Meaningful Use. The alignment with CMS allows a broader range of EHR Program participants to successfully attest to the Kentucky Medicaid EHR Incentive Program. With the revised policy, program participants attesting to Stage 1 or Stage 2 Meaningful Use will be able to use a public health exclusion to meet the Kentucky public health reporting requirement. Note that CMS 2013 and 2014 EHR Incentive Program Rules will continue to determine whether program participants can count a public health exclusion toward their total Meaningful Use objectives required for attestation.

The effective start date for the revised policy aligns with the CMS CEHRT Flexibility Rule, which is scheduled to begin October 1, 2014. This policy will remain in effect until such time that the Kentucky Health Information Exchange (KHIE) achieves Office of the National Coordinator (ONC) 2014 modular certification of public health interfaces.

Sincerely,



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Commissioner, Department of Medicaid Services