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Dear Provider:

Recognizing the value of advancing the accuracy, collection and storage of patient medical records, New Jersey plans to participate in the federal Medicaid Electronic Health Records (EHR) Incentive Program.

Offered through the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), the Incentive Program will give qualifying providers grants over a six year period between the years 2011 and 2021 to adopt certified EHR technology and demonstrate improved data utilization and meaningful use.

Many organizations already have applied with CMS to become eligible for these incentives. The New Jersey Department of Human Services' Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services (Medicaid) is working with the state's Health Information Technology (HIT) unit to support provider registration and participation.

**Registration for the New Jersey Medicaid EHR Incentive Program is tentatively scheduled to launch in the fall of 2011 (pending approval from CMS). As information becomes available, it will be posted on the Program website <http://www.nj.gov/njhit>.**

Medicaid will continue to keep providers advised of its progress in this regard. In the meantime, to learn more about the Incentive Program, providers can refer to CMS' website at: <http://www.cms.gov/EHRIncentivePrograms/>.

Sincerely,

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