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Public Health Reporting Exclusion Letter
January 23, 2014
El Dorado County Providers

The El Dorado County, Health and Human Services Agency, Division of Public Health is committed to helping El Dorado County providers and hospitals achieve meaningful use as defined by the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health (HITECH) Act. The HITECH Act authorizes the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to make incentive payments to eligible professionals and eligible hospitals demonstrating meaningful use of certified Electronic Health Record (EHR) technology.

Stage 1 meaningful use includes demonstration of submissions of electronic data for immunizations, laboratory results and syndromic surveillance. We currently partner with the California Department of Public Health to receive electronic laboratory test messages. If you need to submit a test message to fulfill stage 1 meaningful use you can submit the results to the California Department of Public Health, California Reportable Disease Information Exchange Electronic Lab Reporting (CalREDIE ELR). If you need to submit electronic laboratory results please contact CalREDIE ELR directly at ELR@cdph.ca.gov.

We currently do receive immunization data from a limited number of providers through the California Immunization Registry (CAIR). The regional exchange data representative you need to contact to submit test data can be contacted at CAIRDataExchange@cdph.ca.gov.

We do currently maintain a regional syndromic surveillance data registry for emergency departments and critical access hospitals only. If you are an outpatient facility wanting to submit syndromes the methods and standards involved to accomplish this at this time are evolving. For this reason, Sacramento County Division of Public Health has chosen to allow providers to claim exclusion for their stage 1 public health meaningful use measure attestation for syndromic surveillance. If you are unable to interoperate directly with CalREDIE ELR or CAIR this letter can also be used to claim exclusion for immunizations and laboratory results.

El Dorado County strongly recommends continuation of Stage 1 meaningful use provider activities in preparation for Stages 2 and 3 of meaningful use as defined by the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alicia Paris-Pombo".

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