

## **Alternate Medicare MU Attestations Available to Medicaid EPs for PY 2016 during CMS Reporting Period (January – February 2017)**

Medicaid Eligible Providers (EPs) who do not qualify to attest to Meaningful Use (MU) with Medicaid for Program Year (PY) 2016 may attest to MU with Medicare by February 28th, 2017 in order to avoid Payment Adjustments in 2017 (if they are first-time MU attesters in PY 2016) or in 2018 (if they are returning MU attesters in PY 2016).

### **First-Time MU Participants:**

If you are a Medicaid Eligible Professional and this is your first time to submit an attestation (application) for the EHR Incentive Program, you **MUST** first register at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) **National Level Registry (NLR)**. **The deadline to register with CMS is 12:00 Midnight CST on Tuesday, February 28th, 2017. However, the State Medicaid EHR Incentive Program will need to confirm your CMS registration before you can proceed with submitting the MU attestation to Medicare/CMS. Based on this step, you will need to complete your CMS registration by February 21st, 2017 as to allow enough time for the State to confirm your registration and for you to complete the Alternate Medicare MU attestation at CMS before the February 28th deadline.**

**NOTE:** There is **NO** incentive payment for successfully completing the Alternate Medicare MU attestation. It is for avoiding Medicare payment adjustments only.

CMS Registration & Attestation link: <https://ehrincentives.cms.gov/hitech/login.action>

State Level Repository (SLR) link: <https://alslr.thinkhts.com/>

If you have any questions or need assistance with the SLR, you may contact the SLR Help Desk using any one of the following methods listed below:

Phone: 1-844-288-4701, option #1

Fax: (502) 219-9000

E-mail: [helpdesk@thinkhts.com](mailto:helpdesk@thinkhts.com)

If you need assistance in submitting your attestations, you may contact Medicaid's MU Technical Assistance Team:

E-mail: [sheryl@managementmed.com](mailto:sheryl@managementmed.com)

Website: [www.managementmed.com](http://www.managementmed.com)

In case you encounter difficulties at the CMS NLR attempting the Alternate Medicare MU attestation, you may contact the CMS Help Desk/EHR Information Center for assistance at (888) 734-6433/TTY (888) 734-6563, option #1. Hours are Monday to Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. EST.