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To Whom It May Concern

**SUBJECT: MEANINGFUL USE INFORMATION FOR ELIGIBLE HOSPITALS & PROVIDERS**

Thank you for your inquiry regarding meaningful use (MU).

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (LAC/DPH) is pleased to provide guidance in assisting hospitals and providers with their efforts to address MU public health menu measures. The following information is provided to assist you with meeting MU requirements and/or obtaining exemptions when needed:

1) Syndromic Surveillance Data:

- Eligible Providers: LAC/DPH is unable to receive syndromic surveillance from eligible providers at this time. Please take the exclusion for this measure.
- Many Eligible Hospitals are currently sending Syndromic Surveillance data to LAC/DPH and if you would like to upgrade your existing syndromic surveillance data connection (to HL7 2.5.1) for MU, please contact us at [meaningfuluse@ph.lacounty.gov](mailto:meaningfuluse@ph.lacounty.gov).
- If you are an Eligible Hospital and are not currently sending Syndromic Surveillance data to LAC/DPH, please take the exclusion for this measure. If you are unsure if your hospital organization is participating, please contact us at [meaningfuluse@ph.lacounty.gov](mailto:meaningfuluse@ph.lacounty.gov).

2) Electronic Reportable Lab Results:

- LAC/DPH is currently at capacity and is unable to accept new connections from hospitals not currently reporting electronic laboratory results to LAC/DPH; however, LAC/DPH is able to update existing reportable lab result interfaces.
- New connections from Eligible Hospitals interested in reporting Electronic Reportable Laboratory Results to meet this MU measure, should register online at <http://hie.cdph.ca.gov/infectious-disease.html> to submit lab reports electronically through the CDPH HIE Gateway to CalREDIE.
- Eligible Hospitals may wish to consider testing their messages prior to registering with the CDPH HIE Gateway by visiting the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's automated testing tool online at <http://www.cdc.gov/phn/resources/certification/MQFtool-overview.html>.

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### 3) Immunization Data:

The Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT and the California Department of Public Health have prioritized immunization data in California as a target for providers to meet MU requirements. The California Immunization Registry (CAIR) is available to providers and hospitals at no charge. Therefore, eligible hospitals and providers who administer immunizations may not be able to exclude themselves from meeting this measure.

- To learn more about submission of immunization data, please visit <http://cairweb.org/>.
- Technical support for the California Immunization Registry (CAIR) may be found at the following address: <http://cairweb.org/dataexchange-contacts/>.

It is recommended that eligible hospitals and providers both consult the CMS.gov website and work with their EHR vendors to determine whether it is appropriate to attest to or meet an exclusion from any MU public health measure(s). According to the website, exclusion from a public health measure does not prevent an eligible hospital or provider from meeting the remaining number of MU requirements.

You are encouraged to save a copy of this memo as your record of communication with the LAC/DPH regarding meeting MU requirements, and as your documentation of our department's current status.

Should you have any further questions regarding MU for the LAC/DPH, please visit our MU webpage at <http://www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/cdcp/meaningfuluse.htm> or contact us by email at [meaningfuluse@ph.lacounty.gov](mailto:meaningfuluse@ph.lacounty.gov).

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