

MEANINGFUL USE HARDSHIP EXCEPTION DEADLINE APPROACHING

Eligible Professionals participating in the Medicare Meaningful Use Electronic Health Record Incentive Program have until **October 1, 2017** to submit a hardship application to avoid a downward payment adjustment in 2018. A participant may submit a hardship application if the Eligible Professional:

- Is a first-time Eligible Professional who intends to participate in the advancing care information performance category for Merit-Based Incentive Payment System in 2017.
- Is an Eligible Professional whose Certified Electronic Health Record Technology ("CEHRT") was decertified under CMS's Office of the National Coordinator Health IT Certification Program during the 12 months preceding the applicable EHR reporting period for calendar year 2018 payment adjustment year or during the applicable EHR reporting for the calendar year 2018 payment adjustment year, and the Eligible Professional made a good faith effort to obtain another CEHRT for the applicable EHR reporting period.

If you have questions or would like additional information about this topic, please contact:

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