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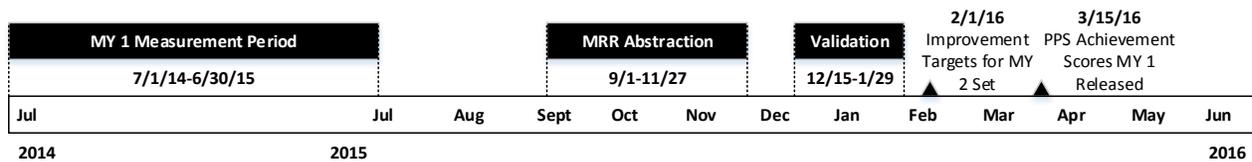
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Dear PPS Lead,

The New York Department of Health (DOH) and the program's independent assessor have partnered with two medical record review abstraction firms to complete chart abstractions for all PPS' participating in Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP) Domains 2 and 3. The two vendors, MedReview Inc. and Verisk Health Inc., will be contacting providers after September 1, to begin scheduling appointments for abstraction services.

Six HEDIS measures (controlling high blood pressure, comprehensive diabetes care, prenatal and postpartum care, frequency of ongoing prenatal care, childhood immunization status, and lead screening in children) and two State-developed non-HEDIS measures (screening for clinical depression and viral load suppression) will be included in this collection effort. For a complete listing of non-claims based measures included in Domains 2 and 3, please refer to the [DSRIP measure specification and reporting manual](#).¹

The abstraction process is scheduled to conclude by November 27th, 2015. PPS leads are encouraged to notify their providers of the abstraction timeline, and prepare them to recognize requests for appointments upon receipt. The following timeline illustrates the measurement period and key milestones:



MedReview and Verisk Health are both subject to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (Public Law 104-191) and its implementing regulations (45 CFR Parts 160, 162, and 164) (collectively, "HIPAA") which establish specific requirements relating to the security and confidentiality of certain individually identifiable health information. DOH as well as a separate third party entity will monitor each of the abstraction vendors' process for HIPAA compliance throughout this collection period and will also validate sufficient samples to ensure the accuracy of reporting. Both vendors are also HEDIS-certified, and are experienced in performing medical record reviews across the state of New York.

As part of the DSRIP program, collecting this data is essential to quality improvement and is tied to future performance reporting. This effort will not result in any costs to PPS' or participating providers. Your commitment to this process and attention to assure these requirements are fulfilled in a timely manner is appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact your performance facilitator.

Sincerely,

Peggy Chan
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¹ Cholesterol Management for Patients with CV Conditions has been retired and will be updated in future versions of the Measures Specifications and Reporting Manual