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TO: Iowa Medicaid Physicians, Nurse Practitioners, Certified Nurse Midwives and Dentists

ISSUED BY: Iowa Department of Human Services, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

RE: Iowa Health Information Network Services for Reporting Clinical Quality Measures

EFFECTIVE: Immediately

The IME is pleased to announce a new service being offered to providers that are attempting to meet meaningful use stages 1 and 2. Clinical Quality Measures (CQMs) can be calculated through Iowa's Health Information Network (IHIN) using Direct Secure Messaging and the Diagnosis One Quality Metrics tool. This service is currently being used for health homes and is now being made available to providers in the Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive program.

This is an optional service for providers participating in the EHR Incentive program. Providers can submit their data to the IME Diagnosis One quality metrics repository for clinical quality measurement calculation. The submitted Continuity of Care Document (CCD) data is parsed to select the clinical information necessary for reporting the quality measures. This tool also allows providers to view their own quality measure reporting results as the data is collected, using easy to read reports and charts. Providers will be able to drill down to view specific patient information to obtain actionable information to improve their CQM results.

The Diagnosis One tool will fill a gap for providers who do not have robust reporting capabilities within their EHR system. All meaningful use (MU) data submitted will be secure and private to the provider. The IME will have limited access to see the CQM results. The reporting tool may be used to support provider attestation for meaningful use.

For more information on how to get started, or details on submitting clinical quality measures, providers may contact Koreen Rayl, Clinical Project Manager, at the IME at 515-974-3070 or by email at krayl@dhs.state.ia.us.