

Medicare Promoting Interoperability PROGRAM

ELIGIBLE HOSPITALS AND CRITICAL ACCESS HOSPITALS OBJECTIVES AND MEASURES FOR THE 2024 EHR REPORTING PERIOD

The following information is for eligible hospitals and critical access hospitals (CAHs) attesting to CMS for their participation in the Medicare Promoting Interoperability Program in calendar year (CY) 2024.

Objective	Public Health and Clinical Data Exchange
Bonus Measure	Clinical Data Registry Reporting The eligible hospital or CAH is in active engagement to submit data to a clinical data registry (CDR).

Definition of Terms

Active Engagement: Means that the eligible hospital or CAH is in the process of moving towards sending "production data" to a public health agency (PHA) or CDR, or is sending production data to a PHA or CDR.

Active Engagement Option 1: *Pre-production and Validation*: The eligible hospital or CAH registered to submit data with the PHA or, where applicable, the CDR to which the information is being submitted; registration was completed within 60 days after the start of the EHR reporting period; and the eligible hospital or CAH is awaiting an invitation from the PHA or CDR to begin testing and validation. Then, the eligible hospital or CAH begins the process of testing and validation of the electronic submission of data. Eligible hospitals or CAHs must respond to requests from the PHA or, where applicable, the CDR within 30 days; failure to respond twice within an EHR reporting period would result in that eligible hospital or CAH not meeting the measure.

Note: This option allows eligible hospitals or CAHs to meet the measure when the PHA or the CDR has limited resources to initiate the testing and validation process. Eligible hospitals or CAHs that have registered in previous years do not need to submit an additional registration to meet this requirement for each EHR reporting period.

Active Engagement Option 2: *Validated Data Production*: The eligible hospital or CAH has completed testing and validation of the electronic submission and is electronically submitting production data to the PHA or CDR.

Production Data: Refers to data generated through clinical processes involving patient care, and it is used to distinguish between data and "test data" which may be submitted for the purposes of enrolling in and testing electronic data transfers.



Reporting Requirements

- The EHR reporting period in 2024 for participants attesting to CMS is a minimum of any continuous 180-day period within the calendar year.
- Eligible hospitals and CAHs can report on the following **two bonus measures** under the Public Health and Clinical Data Exchange objective: Clinical Data Registry Reporting, OR the Public Health Registry Reporting.
 - Attesting YES to either measure will result in an additional 5 bonus points.
 - Reporting on both measures will not result in more than 5 bonus points.
 - Eligible hospitals and CAHs must submit their level of active engagement for each measure in the Public Health and Clinical Data Exchange objective that they submit.
- Attesting NO to either bonus measure will not affect a participant's final score.

Scoring Information

- Total points available for the optional measure: 5 bonus points. No partial scoring is available.
- The eligible hospital or CAH must also submit their level of active engagement for each measure that they submit, to include bonus measures (Option 1 or Option 2).
- 100 total points will be available for the required objectives and measures of the Medicare Promoting Interoperability Program.
- Failure to report at least a "1" for all required measures with a numerator or reporting a "No" for a Yes/No response measure will result in a total score of 0 points for the Medicare Promoting Interoperability Program. Such eligible hospitals or CAHs who fail to achieve a minimum total score of 60 points are not considered meaningful users and may be subject to a downward payment adjustment.
- *Rounding:* When calculating the performance rates and measure and objective scores, scores will be rounded to the nearest whole number.
- *Reminder:* In order to earn a score greater than zero, an eligible hospital or CAH must complete the activities required by the Security Risk Analysis and SAFER Guides measures, submit their complete numerator and denominator or Yes/No data for all required measures, submit their level of engagement for the Public Health and Clinical Exchange measures, attest to the Actions to limit or restrict the compatibility or interoperability of CEHRT statement, and the ONC Direct Review attestation, as well as report on the required electronic clinical quality measure data.

Additional Information

- For an EHR reporting period in CY 2024, eligible hospitals and CAHs must use technology certified to the ONC Certification Criteria for Health IT necessary to meet the CEHRT definition (88 FR 79307).
- To learn more about the [ONC](https://www.fda.gov/oc/2020/04/29/2020-04-29-onc-certification-criteria-for-health-it-finalized-in-the-onc-health-data-technology-and-interoperability-certification-program-updates-algorithm-transparency-and-information-sharing-final-rule) Certification Criteria for Health IT finalized in the ONC "Health Data, Technology, and Interoperability: Certification Program Updates, Algorithm Transparency, and Information Sharing" final rule (89 FR 1205), we encourage hospitals to visit <https://www.crowell.com/en/insights/client-alerts/onc-releases-final-rule-on-information-blocking-and-health-it-certification-program-updates-including-requirements-related-to-ai>

- To check whether a health IT product that has been certified to the ONC Certification Criteria for Health IT, visit the Certified Health IT Product List (CHPL) at <https://chpl.healthit.gov/>.
- Certified functionality must be used as needed for a measure action to count in the numerator during an EHR reporting period. However, in some situations the product may be deployed during the EHR reporting period but pending certification. In such cases, the product must be certified by the last day of the EHR reporting period.
- The definition of jurisdiction is general, and the scope may be local, state, regional or at the national level. The definition will be dependent on the type of registry to which the health care provider is reporting. A registry that is “borderless” would be considered a registry at the national level and would be included for purposes of this measure.
- Eligible hospitals or CAHs that have previously registered, tested, or begun ongoing submission of data to a registry do not need to “restart” the process.
- If the CDR does not use a specified standard, it must use another standard specified in Title 45 of the Code of Federal Regulations at 170.205 to meet the measure. For example, the transmission could be in the form of a Consolidated Clinical Document Architecture (C-CDA) per 170.205(a)(4), or Quality Reporting Document Architecture (QRDA) per 170.205(h)(2).
- Reporting more than one bonus measure for this objective will not earn the eligible hospital or CAH any additional bonus points.

Regulatory References

- For further discussion, please see [83 FR 41634 through 41677](#), [86 FR 64571 through 65475](#) and [87 FR 49334 through 49342](#).

Certification Criteria

Below are the corresponding certification criteria for EHR technology that support this measure.

Certification Criteria
No 2015 health IT certification criteria at this time.