

MU modified Objectives for 2015

Objectives and Measures

- All providers are required to attest to a single set of objectives and measures (Modified Stage 2). This replaces the core and menu objectives structure of previous stages.
- For EPs, there are **10** objectives, including one consolidated public health reporting objective.
- In 2015, all providers must attest to objectives and measures using EHR technology certified to the 2014 Edition.
- To assist providers who may have already started working on meaningful use in 2015, there are alternate exclusions and specifications within individual objectives for providers who were previously scheduled to be in Stage 1 of meaningful use. These include:
 - Allowing providers who were previously scheduled to be in a Stage 1 EHR reporting period for 2015 to use a lower threshold for certain measures.
 - Allowing providers to exclude for Stage 2 measures in 2015 for which there is no Stage 1 equivalent.

Changes to Specific Objectives/Measures

- Stage 2 Patient Electronic Access, Measure 2: For 2015, instead of the 5 percent threshold, this measure requires that at least 1 patient seen by the EP during the EHR reporting period (or patient authorized representative) views, downloads, or transmits to a third party his or her health information during the EHR reporting period.
- Stage 2 Secure Electronic Messaging: The 5 percent threshold has been changed to the capability for patients to send and receive a secure electronic message with the EP was fully enabled during the EHR reporting period (yes/no).
- Public Health Reporting: The public health reporting objectives have been consolidated into one objective with three measure options for EPs.
- There has been no changes to the eQMs for 2015.

EHR Reporting Period

- Starting in 2015, the EHR reporting period for all providers will be based on the **calendar year**.
- In 2015 only, the EHR reporting period for all providers will be **any continuous 90-day period**.
- EPs may select an EHR reporting period of any continuous 90 day period from January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015.

Self-Attested Objectives:

Eligible professionals (EPs) should retain all relevant supporting documentation (in either paper or electronic format) used in the completion of the Attestation responses for six years post-attestation.

			Stage 2	Stage 1
Objectives for 2015-2017	Measures for Providers 2015-2017	CEHRT Reported or Self-Attested	Exclusions	Alternate Exclusion or Specification
Objective 1 – Protect PHI	Measure: Conduct or review a security risk analysis addressing the security (to include encryption) of ePHI created or maintained in CEHRT and implement security updates as necessary and correct identified security deficiencies as part of the EP's risk management process.	Self-Attested	None	None
Objective 2 – Clinical Decision Support	<p><i>In order for EPs to meet the objective they must satisfy both of the following measures:</i></p> <p>Measure 1: Implement five clinical decision support interventions related to four or more clinical quality measures at a relevant point in patient care for the entire EHR reporting period. Absent four clinical quality measures related to an EP's scope of practice or patient population, the clinical decision support interventions must be related to high priority health conditions.</p> <p>Measure 2: The EP has enabled and implemented the functionality for drug-drug and drug allergy interaction checks for the entire EHR reporting period.</p>	Self-Attested	Exclusion: For the second measure, any EP who writes fewer than 100 medication orders during the EHR reporting period.	Alternate Specification: Implement one clinical decision support rule relevant to specialty or high clinical priority along with the ability to track compliance with that rule.

<p>Objective 3 - CPOE</p>	<p><i>An EP, through a combination of meeting the thresholds and exclusions (or both), must satisfy all three measures for this objective.</i></p> <p>Measure 1: More than 60 percent of medication orders created by the EP during the EHR reporting period are recorded using computerized provider order entry.</p> <p>Measure 2: More than 30 percent of laboratory orders created by the EP during the EHR reporting period are recorded using computerized provider order entry.</p> <p>Measure 3: More than 30 percent of radiology orders created by the EP during the EHR reporting period are recorded using computerized provider order entry.</p>	<p>CEHRT Reported</p>	<p>Exclusion: Any EP who writes/orders fewer than 100 Medication, Laboratory or Radiology orders during the EHR reporting period.</p>	<p>Alternate Specification 1: More than 30 percent of all unique patients with at least one medication in their medication list seen by the EP during the EHR reporting period have at least one medication order entered using CPOE; or more than 30 percent of medication orders created by the EP during the EHR reporting period are recorded using computerized provider order entry.</p> <p>Alternate Specification 2 & 3: May claim an exclusion for the reporting period in 2015 as Stage 1 has no equivalent.</p>
<p>Objective 4 – Electronic Prescribing</p>	<p>Measure: More than 50 percent of permissible prescriptions written by the EP are queried for a drug formulary and transmitted electronically using CEHRT.</p>	<p>CEHRT Reported</p>	<p>Exclusion:: Any EP who –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writes fewer than 100 permissible prescriptions during the EHR reporting period; OR • Does not have a pharmacy within his or her organization and there are no pharmacies that accept electronic prescriptions within 10 miles of the EP's practice location at the start of his or her EHR reporting period. 	<p>Alternate Specification: More than 40 percent of all permissible prescriptions written by the EP are transmitted electronically using CEHRT.</p>
<p>Objective 5 – Exchange Health Information</p>	<p>Measure: The EP that transitions or refers their patient to another setting of care or provider of care must (1) use CEHRT to create a summary of care record; and (2)</p>	<p>CEHRT Reported</p>	<p>Exclusion: Any EP who transfers a patient to another setting or refers a patient to another provider less than 100 times during the EHR reporting period.</p>	<p>Alternate Exclusion: May claim an exclusion for the reporting period in 2015 as Stage 1 has no equivalent.</p>

	electronically transmit such summary to a receiving provider for more than 10 percent of transitions of care and referrals.			
Objective 5 – Patient Specific Education	Measure: Patient specific education resources identified by CEHRT are provided to patients for more than 10 percent of all unique patients with office visits seen by the EP during the EHR reporting period.	CEHRT Reported	Exclusion: Any EP who has no office visits during the EHR reporting period.	Alternate Exclusion: If for an EHR reporting period in 2015 did not intend to select the Stage 1 Patient Specific Education menu objective.
Objective 7 – Medication Reconciliation	Measure: The EP performs medication reconciliation for more than 50 percent of transitions of care in which the patient is transitioned into the care of the EP.	CEHRT Reported	Exclusion: Any EP who was not the recipient of any transitions of care during the EHR reporting period.	Alternate Exclusion: If for an EHR reporting period in 2015 did not intend to select the Medication Reconciliation menu objective.
Objective 8 – Patient Electronic Access (VDT)	<p>Measure 1: More than 50 percent of all unique patients seen by the EP during the EHR reporting period are provided timely access to view online, download, and transmit to a third party their health information subject to the EP's discretion to withhold certain information.</p> <p>Measure 2: For an EHR reporting period in 2015, at least one patient seen by the EP during the EHR reporting period (or patient-authorized representative) views, downloads or transmits to a third party his or her health information during the EHR reporting period.</p>	CEHRT Reported	<p>Exclusions: Any EP who –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neither orders nor creates any of the information listed for inclusion as part of the measures; OR • Conducts 50 percent or more of his or her patient encounters in a county that does not have 50 percent or more of its housing units with 4Mbps broadband availability according to the latest information available from the FCC on the first day of the EHR reporting period. 	Alternate Exclusion: May claim an exclusion for the reporting period in 2015 as Stage 1 has no equivalent.

<p>Objective 9 – Secure Messaging</p>	<p>Measure: For an EHR reporting period in 2015, the capability for patients to send and receive a secure electronic message with the EP was fully enabled during the EHR reporting period.</p>	<p>Self-Attested</p>	<p>Exclusion: Any EP who has no office visits during the EHR reporting period, or any EP who conducts 50 percent or more of his or her patient encounters in a county that does not have 50 percent or more of its housing units with 4Mbps broadband availability according to the latest information available from the FCC on the first day of the EHR reporting period.</p>	<p>Alternate Exclusion: May claim an exclusion for the reporting period in 2015 as Stage 1 has no equivalent.</p>
<p>Objective 10 – Public Health Reporting</p>	<p>An EP scheduled to be in Stage 2 in 2015 must meet 2 measures.</p> <p>Measure Option 1 – Immunization Registry Reporting: The EP is in active engagement with a public health agency to submit immunization data.</p> <p>Measure Option 2 – Syndromic Surveillance Reporting: The EP is in active engagement with a public health agency to submit syndromic surveillance data.</p> <p>Measure Option 3 - Specialized Registry Reporting: The EP is in active engagement to submit data to a specialized registry.</p>	<p>Self-Attested</p>	<p>Exclusion 1: Any EP meeting one or more of the following criteria may be excluded from the <u>immunization registry reporting</u> measure if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does not administer any immunizations to any of the populations for which data is collected by its jurisdiction's immunization registry or immunization information system during the EHR reporting period; • Operates in a jurisdiction for which no immunization registry or immunization information system is capable of accepting the specific standards required to meet the CEHRT definition at the start of the EHR reporting period; or • Operates in a jurisdiction where no immunization registry or immunization information system has declared readiness to receive immunization data from the EP at the start of the EHR reporting period <p>Exclusion 2: Any EP meeting one or more of the following criteria may be excluded from the <u>syndromic surveillance reporting</u> measure if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is not in a category of providers from which ambulatory syndromic surveillance data is collected by their jurisdiction's syndromic surveillance system; • Operates in a jurisdiction for which no public health agency is capable of receiving electronic syndromic surveillance data from EPs in the 	<p>Alternate Specification: An EP scheduled to be in Stage 1 in 2015 may meet 1 measure.</p>

			<p>specific standards required to meet the CEHRT definition at the start of the EHR reporting period; or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operates in a jurisdiction where no public health agency has declared readiness to receive syndromic surveillance data from EPs at the start of the EHR reporting period. <p>Exclusion 3: Any EP meeting at least one of the following criteria may be excluded from the <u>specialized registry reporting</u> measure if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does not diagnose or treat any disease or condition associated with, or collect relevant data that is collected by, a specialized registry in their jurisdiction during the EHR reporting period; • Operates in a jurisdiction for which no specialized registry is capable of accepting electronic registry transactions in the specific standards required to meet the CEHRT definition at the start of the EHR reporting period; or • Operates in a jurisdiction where no specialized registry for which the EP is eligible has declared readiness to receive electronic registry transactions at the beginning of the EHR reporting period. 	
eQMs	No changes to the eQm reporting for 2015.	CEHRT Reported	None	None