

Final Rule Meaningful Use Objectives and Measures – Stage 1
Adapted from Table 2 and Table 3: Stage 1 Meaningful Use Objectives and Associated Measures Sorted by Core and Menu Set from CMS Medicare and Medicaid Programs, Electronic Health Record Incentive Program Final Rule 7/28/10 and the ONC Health Information Technology, Initial Set of Standards, Implementation Specifications, and Certification Criteria for Electronic Health Record Technology Final Rule 7/28/10

CORE SET – Eligible Professionals, Eligible Hospital, or CAH required to satisfy all core set of objectives										Certification Criteria		Standards		
Health Outcomes Policy Priority	Meaningful Use Category	EPs	Hospitals	Measure Brief	Change from Proposed Rule	Stage 1 Objectives		Stage 1 Measures	NPRM Certification Language	FINAL RULE - Certification Language	Vocabulary	Transmission and Implementation Specifications	Content	
						Eligible Professionals	Hospitals							
Improving quality, safety, efficiency, and reducing health disparities	CPOE - Computerized provider order entry	●	●	30%	↑	●	Use CPOE for medication orders directly entered by any licensed healthcare professional who can enter orders into the medical record per state, local and professional guidelines	Use CPOE for medication orders directly entered by any licensed healthcare professional who can enter orders into the medical record per state, local and professional guidelines	More than 30% of unique patients with at least one medication in their medication list seen by the EP or admitted to the eligible hospital or CAH (patient or emergency department (POS 21 or 22) have at least one medication order entered using CPOE	Interim Final Rule Text: Enable a user to electronically record, store, retrieve, and manage, at a minimum, the following order types: (1) Medications; (2) Laboratory; (3) Radiology/imaging; and (4) Provider referrals.	Final Rule Text: §170.304(a) Computerized provider order entry: Enable a user to electronically record, store, retrieve, and manage, at a minimum, the following order types: (1) Medications; (2) Laboratory; and (3) Radiology/imaging.	●		
	Implement drug-drug and drug allergy interaction checks	●	●	Enabled	↔	●	Implement drug-drug and drug-allergy interaction checks	The EHR/eligible hospital/CAH has enabled this functionality for the entire EHR reporting period	Interim Final Rule Text: (1) Notifications. Automatically and electronically generate and indicate in real-time, alerts at the point of care for drug-drug and drug-allergy contraindications based on medication list, medication allergy list, signs and symptoms provided order entry (CPOE), CDS/Catamatics. Provide certain users with administrative rights to deactivate, modify, and rules for drug-drug and drug-allergy checking. (2) Alerts. Automatically and electronically track, record, and generate reports on the number of alerts responded to by a user.	Final Rule Text: §170.302(a) (1) Notifications. Automatically and electronically generate and indicate in real-time, notifications at the point of care for drug-drug and drug-allergy contraindications based on medication list, medication allergy list, and computerized provider order entry (CPOE). (2) Alerts. Provide certain users with the ability to adjust notifications provided for drug-drug and drug-allergy interaction checks.	●			
	ePrescribing (EP only)	●	●	40%	↓	●	Generate and transmit permissible prescriptions electronically (eRx)	More than 40% of all permissible prescriptions written by the EP are transmitted electronically using certified EHR technology	Interim Final Rule Text: Enable a user to electronically transmit medication orders (prescriptions) for patients in accordance with the standards specified in §170.205(c).	Final Rule Text: §170.304(b) (Electronic prescribing). Enable a user to electronically generate and transmit prescriptions and prescription-related information in accordance with: (1) The standard specified in §170.205(a)(1); or (2) The standard specified in §170.205(d).	●			
	Demographics	●	●	50%	↓	●	Record demographics including preferred language, gender, race, ethnicity, date of birth, and date of death	More than 50% of all unique patients seen by the EP or admitted to the eligible hospital or CAH's patient or emergency department (POS 21 or 22) have demographics recorded as structured data	Interim Final Rule Text: Enable a user to electronically record, modify, and retrieve patient demographic data including preferred language, insurance type, gender, race, ethnicity, and date of birth.	Final Rule Text: §170.304(c) (Electronic prescribing). Enable a user to electronically record, modify, and retrieve patient demographic data including preferred language, gender, race, ethnicity, and date of birth. Enable race and ethnicity to be recorded in accordance with the standard specified in §170.207(f).	●	●		
	Problem List	●	●	80%	↔	●	Maintain an up-to-date problem list of current and active diagnoses	More than 80% of all unique patients seen by the EP or admitted to the eligible hospital or CAH's patient or emergency department (POS 21 or 22) have at least one entry for an indication that no problems are known for the patient recorded as structured data	Interim Final Rule Text: Maintain up-to-date problem list. Enable a user to electronically record, modify, and retrieve a patient's problem list for longitudinal care in accordance with: (1) The standard specified in §170.205(a)(2)(ii); or (2) At a minimum, the version of the standard specified in §170.205(a)(2)(ii)(B).	Final Rule Text: §170.302(c) (1) Problem list. Enable a user to electronically record, modify, and retrieve a patient's problem list for longitudinal care in accordance with: (1) The standard specified in §170.205(a)(2)(ii); or (2) At a minimum, the version of the standard specified in §170.205(a)(2)(ii)(B), which have been changed.	●			
	Medication List	●	●	80%	↔	●	Maintain active medication list	More than 80% of all unique patients seen by the EP or admitted to the eligible hospital or CAH's patient or emergency department (POS 21 or 22) have at least one entry for an indication that the patient is not currently prescribed any medication recorded as structured data	Interim Final Rule Text: Maintain active medication list. Enable a user to electronically record, modify, and retrieve a patient's active medication list as well as medication history for longitudinal care in accordance with the standard specified in §170.205(a)(2)(iv).	Final Rule Text: §170.302(d) Maintain active medication list. Enable a user to electronically record, modify, and retrieve a patient's active medication list as well as medication history for longitudinal care.	●			
	Medication Allergy List	●	●	80%	↔	●	Maintain active medication allergy list	More than 80% of all unique patients seen by the EP or admitted to the eligible hospital or CAH's patient or emergency department (POS 21 or 22) have at least one entry for an indication that the patient has no known medication allergies recorded as structured data	Interim Final Rule Text: Maintain active medication allergy list. Enable a user to electronically record, modify, and retrieve a patient's active medication allergy list as well as medication allergy history for longitudinal care.	Final Rule Text: Unchanged Now §170.302(e)	●			
	Vital Signs	●	●	50%	↓	●	Record and chart changes in vital signs: o Height o Weight o Blood pressure o Calculate and display BMI o Plot and display growth charts for children 2-20 years, including BMI	Record and chart changes in vital signs: o Height o Weight o Blood pressure o Calculate and display BMI o Plot and display growth charts for children 2-20 years, including BMI	For more than 50% of all unique patients age 2 and over seen by the EP or admitted to eligible hospital or CAH's patient or emergency department (POS 21 or 22), height, weight and blood pressure are recorded as structured data	Interim Final Rule Text: (1) Vital signs. Enable a user to electronically record, modify, and retrieve a patient's vital signs including, at a minimum, the height, weight, blood pressure, temperature, and pulse. (2) Calculate body mass index. Automatically calculate and display body mass index (BMI) based on a patient's height and weight. (3) Plot and display growth charts. Plot and electronically display, upon request, growth charts for patients 2-20 years old.	Final Rule Text: §170.302(f) (1) Vital signs. Enable a user to electronically record, modify, and retrieve a patient's vital signs including, at a minimum, height, weight, and blood pressure. (2) Unchanged. (3) Unchanged.	●		
	Smoking Status	●	●	50%	↓	●	Record smoking status for patients 13 years old or older	Record smoking status for patients 13 years old or older	More than 50% of all unique patients 13 years old or older seen by the EP or admitted to the eligible hospital or CAH's patient or emergency department (POS 21 or 22) have smoking status recorded	Interim Final Rule Text: Smoking status. Enable a user to electronically record, modify, and retrieve the smoking status of a patient. Smoking status types must include current smoker, former smoker, and never smoker.	Final Rule Text: §170.302(g) Smoking status. Enable a user to electronically record, modify, and retrieve the smoking status of a patient. Smoking status types must include current, former, and never smoker.	●		
	Clinical Decision Support	●	●	One rule	↓	●	Implement one clinical decision support rule relevant to specialty or high clinical priority along with the ability to track compliance that rule	Implement one clinical decision support rule relevant to specialty or high clinical priority along with the ability to track compliance that rule	Interim Final Rule Text: (1) Implement rules. Implement automated, electronic clinical decision support rules (in addition to drug-drug and drug allergy contraindication checking) according to specialty or clinical priorities that use demographic data, specific patient test results and alerts and care suggestions based upon clinical decision support rules and evidence grade. (2) Alerts. Automatically and electronically generate and indicate in real-time, alerts and care suggestions based upon clinical decision support rules and evidence grade. (3) Alerts. Automatically and electronically track, record, and generate reports on the number of alerts responded to by a user.	Final Rule Text: §170.304(a) (1) Implement rules. Implement automated, electronic clinical decision support rules (in addition to drug-drug and drug allergy contraindication checking) based on the data elements included in problem list, medication list, demographics, and laboratory test results. (2) Notifications. Automatically and electronically generate and indicate in real-time, notifications and care suggestions based upon clinical decision support rules.	●			
Calculate and Transmit CMS Quality Measures	●	●	Hospitals or CAHs with EP-6	↑	●	Report ambulatory clinical quality measures to CMS or the States	Report ambulatory clinical quality measures to CMS or the States	For 2011, provide aggregate numerator, denominator, and exclusions through attestation as discussed in section 8(A)(2) of this final rule	Interim Final Rule Text: (1) Display. Calculate and electronically display quality measures as specified by CMS or states. (2) Submission. Enable a user to electronically submit calculated quality measures in accordance with the standard and implementation specifications specified in §170.205(c).	Final Rule Text: §170.304(a) (1) Calculate. (2) Electronically calculate all of the one clinical quality measures specified by CMS for eligible professionals, (3) Calculate. (4) Electronically calculate all of the one clinical quality measures specified by CMS for eligible hospitals or CAHs. (5) Submission. Enable a user to electronically submit calculated quality measures in accordance with the standard and implementation specifications specified in §170.205(c). (6) Calculate. Electronically calculate all of the clinical quality measures specified by CMS for eligible hospitals and CAHs. (7) Submission. Enable a user to electronically submit calculated quality measures in accordance with the standard and implementation specifications specified in §170.205(c).	●	●		
Engage patients and families in their health care	Electronic Copy of Health Information	●	●	50%	↓	●	Provide patients with an electronic copy of their health information (including diagnostic test results, problem list, medication lists, medication allergies, upon request	Provide patients with an electronic copy of their health information (including diagnostic test results, problem list, medication lists, medication allergies, discharge summaries, procedures), upon request	More than 50% of all unique patients of the EP or the patient or emergency department of the eligible hospital or CAH (POS 21 or 23) who request an electronic copy of their health information are provided within 3 business days	Interim Final Rule Text: Enable a user to create an electronic copy of a patient's clinical information, including, at a minimum, diagnostic test results, problem list, medication list, medication allergy list, immunizations, and procedures in (1) Human readable format, and (2) Electronic media or through some other electronic means in accordance with: (A) One of the standards specified in §170.205(a)(1), (B) The standard specified in §170.205(a)(2)(A), or (C) At a minimum, the version of the standard specified in §170.205(a)(2)(A), (D) One of the standards specified in §170.205(a)(2)(B), (E) One of the standards specified in §170.205(a)(2)(C), (F) One of the standards specified in §170.205(a)(2)(D), (G) One of the standards specified in §170.205(a)(2)(E), (H) One of the standards specified in §170.205(a)(2)(F), or (I) One of the standards specified in §170.205(a)(2)(G).	Final Rule Text: §170.304(b) (Electronic copy of health information). Enable a user to create an electronic copy of a patient's clinical information, including, at a minimum, diagnostic test results, problem list, medication list, medication allergy list, immunizations, and procedures in (1) Human readable format, and (2) Electronic media or through some other electronic means in accordance with: (A) One of the standards specified in §170.205(a)(1), (B) The standard specified in §170.205(a)(2)(A), or (C) At a minimum, the version of the standard specified in §170.205(a)(2)(A), (D) One of the standards specified in §170.205(a)(2)(B), (E) One of the standards specified in §170.205(a)(2)(C), (F) One of the standards specified in §170.205(a)(2)(D), (G) One of the standards specified in §170.205(a)(2)(E), (H) One of the standards specified in §170.205(a)(2)(F), or (I) One of the standards specified in §170.205(a)(2)(G).	●	●	
	Electronic Copy of Discharge Instructions (Hospital only)	●	●	50%	↓	●	Provide patients with an electronic copy of their discharge instructions at time of discharge, upon request	Provide patients with an electronic copy of their discharge instructions at time of discharge, upon request	More than 50% of all patients who are discharged from an eligible hospital or CAH's patient department or emergency department (POS 21 or 23) and who request an electronic copy of their discharge instructions are provided	Interim Final Rule Text: Enable a user to create an electronic copy of the discharge instructions and procedures for a patient, in human readable format, at the time of discharge on electronic media or through some other electronic means.	Final Rule Text: §170.304(c) (Electronic copy of discharge instructions). Enable a user to create an electronic copy of the discharge instructions for a patient, in human readable format, at the time of discharge on electronic media or through some other electronic means.	●		
	Clinical Summaries for each office visit (EP only)	●	●	50%	↓	●	Clinical summaries provided to patients for more than 50% of all office visits within 3 business days	Clinical summaries provided to patients for more than 50% of all office visits within 3 business days	Interim Final Rule Text: (1) Provision. Enable a user to provide clinical summaries to patients for each office visit that includes, at a minimum, diagnostic test results, problem list, medication list, medication allergy list, immunizations, and procedures. (2) Provided electronically. If the clinical summary is provided electronically it must be: (A) Provided in human readable format, and (B) Electronic media or through some other electronic means in accordance with: (i) One of the standards specified in §170.205(a)(1), (ii) The standard specified in §170.205(a)(2)(A), or (iii) At a minimum, the version of the standard specified in §170.205(a)(2)(A). (3) Problem. The standard specified in §170.207(f)(1), or (4) At a minimum, the version of the standard specified in §170.207(f)(1), (5) Laboratory test results. A minimum, the version of the standard specified in §170.207(f)(2), (6) Medications. The standard specified in §170.207(f)(3).	Final Rule Text: §170.304(d) Clinical summaries. Enable a user to provide clinical summaries to patients for each office visit that includes, at a minimum, diagnostic test results, problem list, medication list, medication allergy list, immunizations, and procedures in (1) Human readable format, and (2) Provided electronically. If the clinical summary is provided electronically it must be: (A) Provided in human readable format, and (B) Electronic media or through some other electronic means in accordance with: (i) One of the standards specified in §170.205(a)(1), (ii) The standard specified in §170.205(a)(2)(A), or (iii) At a minimum, the version of the standard specified in §170.205(a)(2)(A). (3) Problem. The standard specified in §170.207(f)(1), or (4) At a minimum, the version of the standard specified in §170.207(f)(1), (5) Laboratory test results. A minimum, the version of the standard specified in §170.207(f)(2), (6) Medications. The standard specified in §170.207(f)(3).	●	●		
Improve care coordination	Exchange Key Clinical Information	●	●	One test	↔	●	Capability to exchange key clinical information for example, problem list, medication list, medication allergies, diagnostic test results, among providers of care and patient authorized entities electronically	Capability to exchange key clinical information for example, problem list, medication list, medication allergies, diagnostic test results, among providers of care and patient authorized entities electronically	Performed at least one test	Interim Final Rule Text: Enable a user to create an electronic copy of a patient's clinical information, including, at a minimum, diagnostic test results, problem list, medication list, medication allergy list, immunizations, procedures, and discharge summary. (1) Human readable format, and (2) Electronic media or through some other electronic means in accordance with: (A) One of the standards specified in §170.205(a)(1), (B) The standard specified in §170.205(a)(2)(A), or (C) At a minimum, the version of the standard specified in §170.205(a)(2)(A). (3) Problem. The standard specified in §170.207(f)(1), or (4) At a minimum, the version of the standard specified in §170.207(f)(1), (5) Laboratory test results. A minimum, the version of the standard specified in §170.207(f)(2), (6) Medications. The standard specified in §170.207(f)(3).	Final Rule Text: §170.304(e) (Electronic copy of key clinical information). Enable a user to create an electronic copy of a patient's clinical information, including, at a minimum, diagnostic test results, problem list, medication list, medication allergy list, immunizations, procedures, and discharge summary in (1) Human readable format, and (2) Electronic media or through some other electronic means in accordance with: (A) One of the standards specified in §170.205(a)(1), (B) The standard specified in §170.205(a)(2)(A), or (C) At a minimum, the version of the standard specified in §170.205(a)(2)(A). (3) Problem. The standard specified in §170.207(f)(1), or (4) At a minimum, the version of the standard specified in §170.207(f)(1), (5) Laboratory test results. A minimum, the version of the standard specified in §170.207(f)(2), (6) Medications. The standard specified in §170.207(f)(3).	●	●	
	Privacy / Security	●	●	Conduct or risk analysis	↔	●	Protect electronic health information created or maintained by the certified EHR technology through the implementation of appropriate technical capabilities	Conduct or risk analysis per 45 CFR 164.308 (a)(1) and implement security updates as necessary and correct identified security deficiencies as part of the risk management process	Interim Final Rule Text: (1) Generate. Encrypt and decrypt electronic health information according to user-defined key generation. Encrypt and decrypt electronic health information according to user-defined key generation. (2) Generate. Encrypt and decrypt electronic health information when exchanged in accordance with the standard specified in §170.210(a)(2).	Final Rule Text: §170.302(h) (1) Generate. Encrypt and decrypt electronic health information in accordance with the standard specified in §170.210(a)(1), unless the Secretary determines that the use of such algorithm would pose a significant security risk to the electronic health information. (2) Generate. Encrypt and decrypt electronic health information when exchanged in accordance with the standard specified in §170.210(a)(2).	●	●		

Required Data Elements for Certification Using the Meaningful Use Objective as defined in the EHR Incentive Programs Final Rule

Record demographics (Preferred language, Gender, Race, Ethnicity, Date of Birth, Date of Death)	Record demographics (Preferred language, Gender, Race, Ethnicity, Date of Birth, Date of Death)	Record and chart changes in vital signs: o Height o Weight o Blood pressure o Calculate and display BMI o Plot and display growth charts for children 2-20 years, including BMI	Requirement for Certification by an Authorized Testing and Certification Body (ATCB) for CPOE Module	Summary of use record for each transition of care or referral of data elements corresponding specified standards noted above	ADDITIONAL NOTE - Item not in the NPRM - New criteria required for successfully completing ABHA Certification of an EHR or CAH: §170.302(a) Assisted measure calculation. For each meaningful use objective with a percentage-based measure, electronically record the numerator and denominator and generate a report including the numerator, denominator, and resulting percentage associated with each applicable meaningful use objective.
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Legend

● Applies to that row / column meaningful use objective or measure measured from proposed rule
 ● Measure increased from proposed rule
 ● Measure unchanged from proposed rule
 ● Select one of the Standards indicated in that row to achieve meaningful use for that objective
 ● Measure increased from proposed rule
 ● Measure unchanged from proposed rule

Denominator and Acronyms Legend

EP: Eligible Professionals
 POS 23: Included in Hospital Measures (referring to Emergency Department Point of Service (POS 23) and Inpatient POS 21 included in the Hospital Measure)
 ● Denominator of Unique Patients Regardless of Whether the Patient's Records Are Maintained Using Certified EHR Technology
 ● Measures with a Denominator of Based on Covering Actions or Patients whose Records are Maintained Using Certified EHR Technology
 ● Text indicated "Unique Patients" in the denominator section of "Covering Actions for Patients whose Records are Maintained Using Certified EHR Technology"

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"Think Big, Act Small, Start Now"

"Meaningful Use Stage 1 Final Rule, The White Board Story" – Version 1 – July 28, 2010

This poster is dedicated in honor of all those who have lost loved ones since the IOM Study "To Err is Human" was published in 1999, to all those victims of Katrina who suffered or died since we could not share their records with another location, to my mom who died because she did not have the benefits of an interoperable EHR and her doctors could not share lab results across doctors and across visits, and for my nephew who is paralyzed from a medical error...

Please tell this meaningful use story with the energy and passion that I will take to share a really cool story... We have a big job to do and this is just Stage 1... Let's get going!

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