

Additional Information to Alabama Providers Regarding:

CMS Message EHR Incentive Program: Deadline to Register Intent for a Public Health Measure is March 1

The CMS message is targeted to providers who intend to attest to Meaningful Use Stage 2 of the EHR Incentive Program for Program Year 2015.

You may disregard the message if:

- You DO NOT INTEND to attest to Stage 2 Measures in 2015, or
- You are excluded from reporting this measure if you DO NOT ADMINISTER any of the immunizations to any of the populations for which data is collected by the ADPH Immunization Registry (ImmPRINT) during the EHR reporting period.

Please see the Alabama Medicaid Agency notes below identifying the four (4) ways that providers may have *already* met this objective.

If you have NOT performed any of the four (4) actions below, you may go to the Alabama Department of Public Health website ([ADPH Meaningful Use](#)) to register before March 1, 2015.

If you have any questions, you may contact the Alabama Medicaid Agency via e-mail at MeaningfulUse@Medicaid.Alabama.Gov or by telephone at (334) 353-4500.

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If you are an eligible professional participating in the Medicare or Medicaid Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Program and are planning to meet one of the Stage 2 public health measures, the deadline to register your intent to initiate ongoing submission with your Public Health Agency (PHA), program, or other body to whom the information will be submitted is within 60 days of the start of your EHR reporting period. For 2015, this deadline for eligible professionals is March 1, 2015. Please refer to the CMS Stage 2 Eligible Professional Specification Sheets for more information on the public health objectives.

Satisfying public health measure requirements:

1. Ongoing submission was already achieved for an EHR reporting period in a prior year and continues throughout the current EHR reporting period

[Alabama Medicaid Comments](#): Under the above provisions, if you have confirmed that your practice has achieved ongoing submission of a Public Health Measure with the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH), you are considered to have met this measure.

2. Registration with the PHA or other body to whom the information is being submitted of intent to initiate ongoing submission was made by the deadline (within 60 days of the start of the EHR reporting period) and ongoing submission was achieved

Alabama Medicaid Comments: Under the above provisions, if your practice has received a Letter of Intent from the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH), you are considered to have met this measure.

3. Registration of intent to initiate ongoing submission was made by the deadline and the EP or hospital is still engaged in testing and validation of ongoing electronic submission

Alabama Medicaid Comments: Under the above provisions, if your practice has registered with the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) and is engaged in testing and validation of ongoing electronic submission, you are considered to have met this measure.

4. Registration of intent to initiate ongoing submission was made by the deadline and the EP or hospital is awaiting invitation to begin testing and validation

Alabama Medicaid Comments: Under the above provisions, if your practice has registered with the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) with the intent to initiate ongoing submission and are waiting invitation to begin testing and validation, you are considered to have met this measure.