

Program Year 2017 Requirements

Public Health Measures

Modified Stage 2

Important Notice

- **For Program Year 2017, all providers must attest to at least two Public Health measures.**
- Please note that an exclusion for a measure does not count toward the two measures that the provider must report. If an exclusion is taken, then the provider must report on all three Public Health measures, which can be through a combination of reporting on the measure and taking an exclusion if applicable for the measure.
- This is the first year that an alternate exclusion is not available. Therefore, a provider can only attest to an “Exclusion” if he or she meets the exclusion requirements listed below.
 - An Exclusion will require supplemental documentation from the provider identifying how the provider meets the exclusion. For example, if the provider takes the exclusion for the Immunization Registry, then the provider must submit documentation stating that he or she does not provide immunizations either 1) during the reporting period or 2) at all.

Public Health Objective

Objective 10 – Public Health Reporting

Objective: The EP is in active engagement with a public health agency to submit electronic public health data from CEHRT except where prohibited and in accordance with applicable law and practice.

Measure Options:

Measure 1 - Immunization Registry Reporting: The EP is in active engagement with a public health agency to submit immunization data.

Measure 2 – Syndromic Surveillance Reporting: The EP is in active engagement with a public health agency to submit syndromic surveillance data.

Measure 3 – Specialized Registry Reporting: The EP is in active engagement to submit data to a specialized registry.

Exclusions:

Measure 1 Exclusions: Any EP meeting one or more of the following criteria may be excluded from the immunization registry reporting measure if the EP—

- 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.

Measure 2 Exclusions: Any EP meeting one or more of the following criteria may be excluded from the syndromic surveillance reporting measure if the EP—

- 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 specific standards required to meet the CEHRT definition at the start of the EHR reporting period; or
- 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.

Measure 3 Exclusions: Any EP meeting at least one of the following criteria may be excluded from the specialized registry reporting measure if the EP—

- Does not diagnose or treat any disease or condition associated with or collect relevant data that is required by a specialized registry in their jurisdiction during the EHR reporting period;

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What steps does a provider have to take to determine if there is a specialized registry available for them, or if they should instead claim an exclusion?

The eligible professional (EP) is not required to make an exhaustive search of all potential registries. Instead, they must do a few steps to meet due diligence in determining if there is a registry available for them, or if they meet the exclusion criteria. 1 – An EP should check with their State* to determine if there is an available specialized registry maintained by a public health agency. 2 – An EP should check with any specialty society with which they are affiliated to determine if the society maintains a specialized registry and for which they have made a public declaration of readiness to receive data for meaningful use no later than the first day of the provider's EHR reporting period. If the EP determines no registries are available, they may exclude from the measure. For EPs: The provider may meet the specialized registry measure up to 2 times. This can be done through reporting to: Two registries maintained by a public health agency Two registries maintained by one or more specialty societies One registry maintained by a public health agency and one maintained by a specialty society One registry maintained by a public health agency and one exclusion One registry maintained by a specialty society and one exclusion Two exclusions PLEASE NOTE: In 2015, providers may also simply claim an alternate exclusion for a measure as defined in FAQ 12985. *If you report to an entity other than a State as your reporting jurisdiction (such as a county) you may elect to check with them. Created 12/11/2015 Updated 02/25/2016 (FAQ13657)

Where can I find a list of public health agencies and immunization registries to submit my data as required by the public health objectives for the Medicare and Medicaid Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Programs?

For information and/or instructions on where to submit your public health-related data, please contact your local or state public health agencies and immunization registries. CMS has also developed a centralized repository for public health agency and clinical data registry reporting to provide an additional, centralized source of information for eligible professionals, eligible hospitals, and critical access hospitals looking for public health, clinical data, or specialized registry electronic reporting options.

For more information on specialized registry, see FAQ #13657 and #14117.

For more information about the Medicare and Medicaid EHR Incentive Program, please visit <http://www.cms.gov/EHRIncentivePrograms>

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