2017 Program Year Requirements for Eligible Professionals

**Modified Stage 2**

**EHR Reporting Period**
- 90-day Reporting Period for both new and returning Meaningful Use participants.

**Notes & Updates**
- There are 10 Meaningful Use Objectives for Modified Stage 2.
- Providers have the option to use a 2014 Edition, 2015 Edition, or a combination of the two editions for their certified electronic health record technology.
- There will not be any available alternate exclusions as there were in 2015 and 2016. This also includes no alternate exclusions for the Public Health Measures.

**Specific Changes to Objectives**
- **Objective 8, Measure 2, Patient Electronic Access:** For an EHR reporting period in 2017, more than 5 percent of unique patients seen by the EP during the EHR reporting period (or his or her authorized representatives) view, download or transmit to a third party their health information during the EHR reporting period.
- **Objective 9, Secure Messaging (EPs only):** For an EHR reporting period in 2017, for more than 5 percent of unique patients seen by the EP during the EHR reporting period, a secure message was sent using the electronic messaging function of CEHRT to the patient (or the patient-authorized representative), or in response to a secure message sent by the patient (or the patient-authorized representative) during the EHR reporting period.

**Modified Stage 2 – A complete list of the 10 Objectives**

**Objective 1 – Protect Patient Health Information**
*Objective:* Protect electronic protected health information (ePHI) created or maintained by the CEHRT through the implementation of appropriate technical capabilities.
*Measure:* Conduct or review a security risk analysis in accordance with the requirements in 45 CFR 164.308(a)(1), including addressing the security (to include encryption) of ePHI created or maintained by CEHRT in accordance with requirements under 45 CFR 164.312(a)(2)(iv) and 45 CFR 164.306(d)(3), and implement security updates as necessary and correct identified security deficiencies as part of the EP’s risk management process.
No exclusion available.

Objective 2 – Clinical Decision Support

Objective: Use clinical decision support to improve performance on high-priority health conditions.

Measures: EPs must satisfy both of the following measures in order to meet the objective:

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.

Measure 2: The EP has enabled and implemented the functionality for drug-drug and drug-allergy interaction checks for the entire EHR reporting period.

Exclusion: For the second measure, any EP who writes fewer than 100 medication orders during the EHR reporting period.

Objective 3 – Computerized Provider Order Entry (CPOE)

Objective: Use computerized provider order entry for medication, laboratory, and radiology orders directly entered by any licensed healthcare professional who can enter orders into the medical record per state, local, and professional guidelines.

Measures: An EP, through a combination of meeting the thresholds and exclusions (or both), must satisfy all three measures for this objective:

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.

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.

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.

Exclusions:

Measure 1: Any EP who writes fewer than 100 medication orders during the EHR reporting period.

Measure 2: Any EP who writes fewer than 100 laboratory orders during the EHR reporting period.

Measure 3: Any EP who writes fewer than 100 radiology orders during the EHR reporting period.

Objective 4 – Electronic Prescribing (eRx)

Objective: Generate and transmit permissible prescriptions electronically (eRx).

Measure: More than 50 percent of permissible prescriptions written by the EP are queried for a drug formulary and transmitted electronically using CEHRT.

Exclusions: Any EP who:

- 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.
Objective 5 – Health Information Exchange

**Objective:** The EP who transitions their patient to another setting of care or provider of care or refers their patient to another provider of care provides a summary care record for each transition of care or referral.

**Measures:** 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) electronically transmit such summary to a receiving provider for more than 10 percent of transitions of care and referrals.

**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.

Objective 6 – Patient-Specific Education

**Objective:** Use clinically relevant information from CEHRT to identify patient-specific education resources and provide those resources to the patient.

**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.

**Exclusion:** Any EP who has no office visits during the EHR reporting period.

Objective 7 – Medication Reconciliation

**Objective:** The EP who receives a patient from another setting of care or provider of care or believes an encounter is relevant performs 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.

**Exclusion:** Any EP who was not the recipient of any transitions of care during the EHR reporting period.

Objective 8 – Patient Electronic Access

**Objective:** Provide patients the ability to view online, download, and transmit their health information within 4 business days of the information being available to the EP.

**Measures:** EPs must satisfy both measures in order to meet this objective:

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.

Measure 2: For an EHR reporting period in 2017, more than 5 percent of unique patients seen by the EP during the EHR reporting period (or his or her authorized representatives) view, download or transmit to a third party their health information during the EHR reporting period.

**Exclusions:**

Measure 1: Any EP who neither orders nor creates any of the information listed for inclusion as part of the measures except for “Patient Name” and “Provider’s name and office contact information.”

Measure 2: Any EP who:
- Neither orders nor creates any of the information listed for inclusion as part of the measures except for “Patient Name” and “Provider’s name and office contact information;” 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.

**Objective 9 – Secure Electronic Messaging**

**Objective:** Use secure electronic messaging to communicate with patients on relevant health information.

**Measures:** For an EHR reporting period in 2017, for more than 5 percent of unique patients seen by the EP during the EHR reporting period, a secure message was sent using the electronic messaging function of CEHRT to the patient (or the patient-authorized representative), or in response to a secure message sent by the patient (or the patient-authorized representative) during the EHR reporting period.

**Exclusion(s):** 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.

**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;