



# Medicare & Medicaid EHR Incentive Program Attestation and Meaningful Use Stage 1 Requirements Overview



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## What is Meaningful Use?

- Meaningful Use is using certified EHR technology to
  - Improve quality, safety, efficiency, and reduce health disparities
  - Engage patients and families in their health care
  - Improve care coordination
  - Improve population and public health
  - All the while maintaining privacy and security
- Meaningful Use mandated in law to receive incentives

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## What are the Three Main Components of Meaningful Use?

- The Recovery Act specifies the following 3 components of Meaningful Use:
  1. Use of certified EHR in a meaningful manner (e.g., e-prescribing)
  2. Use of certified EHR technology for electronic exchange of health information to improve quality of health care
  3. Use of certified EHR technology to submit clinical quality measures (CQM) and other such measures selected by the Secretary

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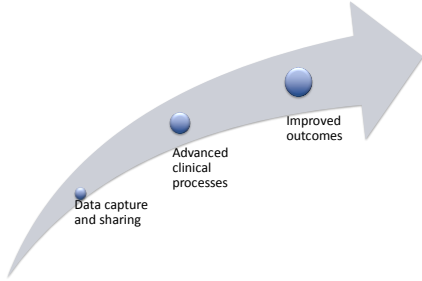
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## A Conceptual Approach to Meaningful Use



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## What are the Requirements of Stage 1 Meaningful Use?

- Basic Overview of Stage 1 Meaningful Use:
  - Reporting period is 90 days for first year and 1 year subsequently
  - Reporting through attestation
  - Objectives and Clinical Quality Measures
  - Reporting may be yes/no or numerator/denominator attestation

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## Applicability of Meaningful Use Objectives and Measures

- Some MU objectives are not applicable to every provider's clinical practice, thus they would not have any eligible patients or actions for the measure denominator. Exclusions do not count against the 5 deferred measures
- In these cases, the eligible professional, eligible hospital or CAH would be excluded from having to meet that measure
  - Eg: Dentists who do not perform immunizations; Chiropractors do not e-prescribe

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## Meaningful Use: Core Objectives for EPs

### Core Set: Must Do All

- Use CPOE
- e-prescribing
- Drug-drug & drug allergy checks
- Medication list
- Allergy list
- Problem list
- Decision support
- Record demographics
- Smoking status
- Vital signs
- Clinical summaries to patient
- Electronic exchange
- Health info to patients
- Quality measures
- Protect health information

### Menu Set: Must Do 5 of 10

- Incorporate clinical labs
- Medication reconciliation
- Implement drug-formulary checks
- Generate patient list
- Patient electronic access
- Send reminder
- Patient-specific education
- Clinical summaries to provider
- Submit electronic data to immunization registry\*
- Submit electronic syndromic surveillance data\*

\*At least 1 public health objective must be selected.

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## Meaningful Use: Core Objectives for Hospitals

### Core Set: Must Do All

- Use CPOE
- Drug-drug & drug allergy checks
- Record demographics
- Implement one clinical decision support rule
- Maintain list of current/active diagnoses
- Medication list
- Allergy list
- Smoking status
- Vital signs
- Clinical quality measures to CMS / States
- Health info to patients
- Discharge info to patients
- Exchange information among authorized providers of care
- Protect health information

### Menu Set: Must Do 5 of 10

- Drug-formulary checks
- Advanced directives for patients 65 years or older
- Incorporate clinical labs
- Generate patient lists
- Patient specific education
- Medication reconciliation
- Summary of care record for each transition of care/referrals
- Report to immunization registries/systems\*
- Report to public health agencies\*
- Provide electronic syndromic surveillance data to public health agencies\*

\*At least 1 public health objective must be selected.

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## What are the Requirements of Stage 1 Meaningful Use?

- Stage 1 Objectives and Measures Reporting
- Eligible Professionals must complete:
  - 15 core objectives
  - 5 objectives out of 10 from menu set
  - 6 total Clinical Quality Measures (3 core or alternate core, and 3 out of 38 from additional set)
- Hospitals must complete:
  - 14 core objectives
  - 5 objectives out of 10 from menu set
  - 15 Clinical Quality Measures

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