



Eligible Hospital and Critical Access Hospital Meaningful Use Core Measures Measure 12 of 14

Stage 1

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Electronic Copy of Discharge Instructions	
Objective	Provide patients with an electronic copy of their discharge instructions at time of discharge, upon request.
Measure	More than 50 percent of all patients who are discharged from an eligible hospital or CAH's inpatient or emergency department (POS 21 or 23) and who request an electronic copy of their discharge instructions are provided it.
Exclusion	Any eligible hospital or CAH that has no requests from patients or their agents for an electronic copy of the discharge instructions during the EHR reporting period.

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Definition of Terms

Discharge Instructions – Any directions that the patient must follow after discharge to attend to any residual conditions that need to be addressed personally by the patient, home care attendants, and other clinicians on an outpatient basis.

Attestation Requirements

NUMERATOR / DENOMINATOR / EXCLUSION

- **DENOMINATOR:** Number of patients discharged from an eligible hospital's or CAH's inpatient or emergency department (POS 21 or 23) who request an electronic copy of their discharge instructions during the EHR reporting period.
- **NUMERATOR:** The number of patients in the denominator who are provided an electronic copy of discharge instructions.
- **EXCLUSION:** An eligible hospital or CAH that has no requests from patients or their agents for an electronic copy of their discharge instructions during the EHR reporting period they would be excluded from this requirement. Eligible hospitals or CAHs must enter '0' in the Exclusion box to attest to exclusion from this requirement.

The resulting percentage (Numerator ÷ Denominator) must be more than 50 percent in order for an eligible hospital or CAH to meet this measure.

Additional Information

- The provider is permitted, but not required, to limit the measure of this objective to those patients whose records are maintained using certified EHR technology.

- Information that must be provided electronically is limited to that information that exists electronically in or is accessible from the certified EHR technology and is maintained by or on behalf of the eligible hospital or CAH.
- Discharge instructions themselves in the form of electronic media or instructions on how to access instructions electronically should be furnished at the time of discharge from the eligible hospital or CAH.
- A provider may withhold information from the electronic copy of discharge information in accordance with the HIPAA Privacy Rule, as specified at 45 CFR 164.524.
- Form and format should be human readable and comply with the HIPAA Privacy Rule, as specified at 45 CFR 164.524(c). The media could be any electronic form such as patient portal, PHR, CD, USB fob, etc.