

# 2010 EHR Measure Specification for the Electronic Prescribing Incentive Program Release Notes

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CMS is pleased to announce the release of the 2010 EHR Measure Specification for the Electronic Prescribing Incentive Program Release Notes. The list below details revisions made since the July posting of the 2010 EHR Measure Specification for the Electronic Prescribing Incentive Program.

The 2010 EHR Measure Specification for the Electronic Prescribing Incentive Program has been updated to reflect clinical practice guidelines and applicable health informatics that are the most current available as of November 5, 2009. This specification may be available for potential use in physician quality initiatives, including but not limited to the Electronic Health Record (EHR) submission under the 2010 Electronic Prescribing Incentive Program. A measure's inclusion in this document does not guarantee that measure will be used in any specific CMS program in 2010 or any subsequent year.

To determine which measures are included in any specific CMS program or demonstration, interested parties should refer to the official documentation for that program or demonstration. Please refer to the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule 2010 Final Rule (to be published in the Federal Register in November, 2009) to identify the measures that will be available for data submission through EHRs under the 2010 Electronic Prescribing Incentive Program.

- **Reporting Options Update**
  - Added “QUALIFIED” to ELECTRONIC PRESCRIBING (eRX) SYSTEM MUST HAVE BEEN ADOPTED
- **Description Update**
  - Updated: “Document whether the eligible professional has adopted a qualified electronic prescribing (eRx) system and the extent of use in the ambulatory setting.”
- **Denominator Updates**
  - Added the following Encounter Codes (C4) for Denominator Inclusion: 99324, 99325, 99326, 99327, 99328, 99334, 99335, 99336, 99337
  - Added disclaimer to Encounter Codes (C4): Signifies that this CPT Category I code is a non-covered service under the PFS (Physician Fee Schedule). These non-covered services will not be counted in the denominator population for PQRI reporting calculations.
- **Numerator Updates**
  - Updated Numerator Statement: “A qualified eRx system (as specified above) has been adopted and at least one prescription created during the encounter was generated and transmitted using a qualified eRx system during this patient visit during the measurement period.”
  - Updated Numerator Inclusions: “Patient visit with documentation substantiating a qualified eRx system has been adopted and at least one prescription created during the encounter was generated and transmitted electronically using a qualified eRx system during this patient visit during the measurement.”
  - Added ERX CODE (HCPCS), G8553
- **Definition Updates**
  - Updated Electronic Prescribing (eRx): “(Faxes do not qualify as electronic prescribing.)”
- **2010 EHR Downloadable Resource Updates**
  - Updated Appendix R, Structural Codes, with G8553

- **Global Edits**
  - Removed Warehouse from title and throughout document