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Stage 1 (2014 Definition)
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Reportable Lab Results to Public Health Agencies	
Objective	Capability to submit electronic data on reportable (as required by State or local law) lab results to public health agencies and actual submission according to applicable law and practice.
Measure	Performed at least one test of certified EHR technology's capacity to provide electronic submission of reportable lab results to public health agencies and follow-up submission if the test is successful (unless none of the public health agencies to which an eligible hospital or CAH submits such information has the capacity to receive the information electronically), except where prohibited.
Exclusion	No public health agency to which the eligible hospital or CAH submits such information has the capacity to receive the information electronically, or where it is prohibited.

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Definition of Terms

Public Health Agency — An entity under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, tribal organization, State level and/or city/county level administration that serves a public health function.

Attestation Requirements

YES / NO / EXCLUSION

- Eligible hospitals and CAHs must attest YES to having performed at least one test of certified EHR technology's capacity to submit electronic data on reportable lab results to public health agencies (unless none of the public health agencies to which the eligible hospital or CAH submits such information has the capacity to receive the information electronically), except where prohibited, to meet this measure.

- EXCLUSION: If no public health agency to which the eligible hospital or CAH submits such information has the capacity to receive the information electronically, or if it is prohibited to submit the data, then the eligible hospital or CAH would be excluded from this requirement. Eligible hospitals or CAHs must select NO next to the appropriate exclusion, then click the APPLY button in order to attest to the exclusion.

Additional Information

- The test to meet the measure of this objective must involve the actual submission of information to public health agencies, if one exists that will accept the information. Simulated transfers of information are not acceptable to satisfy this objective.
- The transmission of actual patient information is not required for the purposes of a test. The use of test information about a fictional patient that would be identical in form to what would be sent about an actual patient would satisfy this objective.
- An unsuccessful test to submit electronic data to public health agencies will be considered valid and would satisfy this objective.
- If the test is successful, then the EP should institute regular reporting with the entity with whom the successful test was conducted, in accordance with applicable law and practice. There is not a measurement associated with this reporting.
- The transmission of reportable lab results must use the standard at 45 CFR 170.205(c) and, at a minimum, the standard specified in 45 CFR 170.207(c).
- This specification sheet has been updated to reflect the applicable Stage 1 provisions in the Stage 2 Meaningful Use Final Rule, published on September 4, 2012.

Certification and Standards Criteria

Below is the corresponding certification and standards criteria for electronic health record technology that supports achieving the meaningful use of this objective.

Certification Criteria*	
§170.314(f)(4) Transmission of reportable laboratory tests and values/results	Inpatient setting only. EHR technology must be able to electronically create reportable laboratory tests and values/results for electronic transmission in accordance with: (i) The standard (and applicable implementation specifications) specified in §170.205(g); and (ii) At a minimum, the versions of the standards specified in §170.207(a)(3) and (c)(2).

*Additional certification criteria may apply. Review the ONC 2014 Edition EHR Certification Criteria Grid Mapped to Meaningful Use Stage 1 for more information.

Standards Criteria	
§170.205(g) *Implementation specifications*	HL7 Version 2.5.1 Implementation Guide: Electronic Laboratory Reporting to Public Health, Release 1 (US Realm) with Errata and Clarifications, and ELR 2.5.1 Clarification Document for EHR Technology Certification.
§170.207(a)(3)	IHTSDO SNOMED CT® International Release, July 2012 and US Extension to SNOMED CT,® March 2012 Release.

§170.207(c)(2)	LOINC® version 2.40, June 2012, a universal code system for identifying laboratory and clinical observations produced by the Regenstrief Institute, Inc.