



## EHR Incentive Programs

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### Eligible Professionals: Review Changes in Stage 1 Meaningful Use Criteria that Begin in 2014

Are you a Medicare [eligible professional](#) who is participating or planning to participate in Stage 1 of the Medicare or Medicaid EHR Incentive Program this year? The Stage 2 rule for meaningful use included changes to Stage 1 requirements that took effect on January 1, 2014.

These changes include:

#### **Record and Chart Changes in Vital Signs**

**Change:** The age limit increased for recording blood pressure in patients from age 2 to age 3; there is no age limit for height and weight.

**2014 Measure:** For more than 50 percent of all unique patients seen by the eligible professional during the EHR reporting period, blood pressure (for patients age 3 and over only) and height and weight (for all ages) should be recorded as structured data.

#### **Patient Electronic Access**

**Change:** Menu objective "*Timely electronic access to health information*" and core objective "*Electronic copy of health information*" are combined to become the new

*“View online, download, and transmit”* core objective.

**2014 Measure:** More than 50 percent of all unique patients seen by the eligible professional during the EHR reporting period are provided timely (available to the patient within 4 business days after the information is available to the eligible professional) online access to their health information.

### **Clinical Quality Measure (CQM) Reporting**

**Change:** Reporting CQMs is still required, but it has been removed as a separate objective.

### **Stage 1 Resources**

Resources to help you understand changes to Stage 1 of meaningful use are available on the EHR Incentive Programs website, including:

- [Stage 1 Changes Tipsheet](#)
- [2014 Stage 1 Changes Tipsheet](#)

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