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Learn More about the Stage 2 Electronic Notes Menu Objective

To help improve clinical processes, CMS included “Electronic Notes” as a menu objective in Stage 2 of the EHR Incentive Programs. The objective requires more electronic documentation of patient symptoms, treatments, circumstances, and other observations to give providers additional historical information to use throughout a patient’s treatment plan.

[Eligible professionals](#) and [eligible hospitals](#) who select this menu objective are required to create electronic notes for more than 30 percent of their unique patients. The text of the notes must be searchable and may contain drawings and other content.

New Exclusion for Eligible Professionals

A new exclusion for the electronic notes menu objective has recently been released by CMS. Eligible professionals who have not had any office visits during the EHR reporting period may be eligible to claim [an exclusion to this objective](#). There is no exclusion for hospitals.

Remember: Starting this year, exclusions will no longer count towards the number of menu objectives needed to successfully demonstrate meaningful use. Providers cannot claim an exclusion for a menu objective if there are other menu objectives they can meet.

Additional Resources

For more information on Stage 2, visit the [CMS Stage 2 webpage](#).



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