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availability according to the latest information available from the FCC at the start of the EHR reporting period.

Measure 2: A hospital may take an exclusion for the measure if any of the following apply:
(1) The total transitions or referrals received and patient encounters in which the hospital has never before encountered the patient, is fewer than 100 during the EHR reporting period is excluded from this measure.
(2) It is located in a county that does not have 50 percent or more of their housing units with 4Mbps broadband availability according to the latest information available from the FCC at the start of the EHR reporting period.

Measure 3: Any eligible hospital or CAH may take an exclusion from this measure if the total transitions or referrals received and patient encounters in which the hospital has never before encountered the patient, is fewer than 100 during the EHR reporting period.

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Definition of Terms

Transition of Care: The movement of a patient from one setting of care (hospital, ambulatory primary care practice, ambulatory specialty care practice, long-term care, home health, rehabilitation facility) to another. At a minimum this includes all discharges from the inpatient department and after admissions to the emergency department when follow-up care is ordered by an authorized provider of the hospital.

Summary of Care Record: All summary of care documents used to meet this objective must include the following information if the provider knows it:

- Patient name
- Demographic information (preferred language, sex, race, ethnicity, date of birth)
- Smoking status
- Current problem list (providers may also include historical problems at their discretion)*
Current medication list*
Current medication allergy list*
Laboratory test(s)
Laboratory value(s)/result(s)
Vital signs (height, weight, blood pressure, BMI)
Procedures
Care team member(s) (including the primary care provider of record and any additional known care team members beyond the referring or transitioning provider and the receiving provider)*
Immunizations
Unique device identifier(s) for a patient’s implantable device(s)
Care plan, including goals, health concerns, and assessment and plan of treatment
Encounter diagnosis
Functional status, including activities of daily living, cognitive and disability status
Discharge instructions (eligible hospital and CAH only)

* Note: An eligible hospital or CAH must verify that the fields for current problem list, current medication list, and current medication allergy list are not blank and include the most recent information known by the eligible hospital or CAH as of the time of generating the summary of care document or include a notation of no current problem, medication and/or medication allergies.

**Current problem lists**: At a minimum a list of current and active diagnoses.

**Active/current medication list**: A list of medications that a given patient is currently taking.

**Active/current medication allergy list**: The movement of information from online to physical electronic media.

**Allergy**: An exaggerated immune response or reaction to substances that are generally not harmful.

**Care Plan**: The structure used to define the management actions for the various conditions, problems, or issues. A care plan must include at a minimum the following components: goals, health concerns, assessment, and plan of treatment.

**Attestation Requirements**

**Measure 1**:  
- **DENOMINATOR**: Number of transitions of care and referrals during the EHR reporting period for which the eligible hospital's or CAH's inpatient or emergency department (POS 21 or 23)
was the transferring or referring provider.

- **NUMERATOR**: The number of transitions of care and referrals in the denominator where a summary of care record was created using CEHRT and exchanged electronically.
- **THRESHOLD**: The percentage must be more than 50 percent in order for an eligible hospital or CAH to meet this measure.
- **EXCLUSION**: Any eligible hospital or CAH can be excluded from the measure if it is located in a county that does not have 50 percent or more of their housing units with 4Mbps broadband availability according to the latest information available from the FCC at the start of the EHR reporting period.

### Measure 2:

- **DENOMINATOR**: Number of patient encounters during the EHR reporting period for which an eligible hospital or CAH was the receiving party of a transition or referral or has never before encountered the patient and for which an electronic summary of care record is available.
- **NUMERATOR**: Number of patient encounters in the denominator where an electronic summary of care record received is incorporated by the provider into the certified EHR technology.
- **THRESHOLD**: The percentage must be more than 40 percent in order for an eligible hospital or CAH to meet this measure.
- **EXCLUSION**: A hospital can be excluded from the measure if any of the following apply:
  - The total transitions or referrals received and patient encounters in which the hospital has never before encountered the patient, is fewer than 100 during the EHR reporting period is excluded from this measure.
  - It is located in a county that does not have 50 percent or more of their housing units with 4Mbps broadband availability according to the latest information available from the FCC at the start of the EHR reporting period.

### Measure 3:

- **DENOMINATOR**: Number of transitions of care or referrals during the EHR reporting period for which the eligible hospital or CAH inpatient or emergency department (POS 21 or 23) was the recipient of the transition or referral or has never before encountered the patient.
- **NUMERATOR**: The number of transitions of care or referrals in the denominator where the following three clinical information reconciliations were performed: medication list, medication allergy list, and current problem list.
- **THRESHOLD**: The resulting percentage must be more than 80 percent in order for an eligible hospital or CAH to meet this measure.
- **EXCLUSION**: Any eligible hospital or CAH may take an exclusion from this measure if the total transitions or referrals received and patient encounters in which the hospital has never before encountered the patient, is fewer than 100 during the EHR reporting period.
Additional Information

- Eligible hospitals must use [2015 Edition CEHRT](#) to meet Stage 3 meaningful use.
- For Measure 1 and Measure 3, only patients whose records are maintained using CEHRT must be included in the denominator for transitions of care.
- For Measure 1 the action must occur within the EHR reporting period if that period is a full calendar year, or if it is less than a full calendar year, within the calendar year in which the EHR reporting period occurs.
- For Measure 1, the referring provider must have reasonable certainty of receipt by the receiving provider to count the action toward the measure. This may include confirmation of receipt or that a query of the summary of care record has occurred in order to count the action in the numerator.
- Apart from the three fields noted as required for the summary of care record (i.e., current problem list, current medication list, and current medication allergy list), in circumstances where there is no information available to populate one or more of the fields listed either because the eligible hospital/CAH does not record such information or because there is no information to record, the eligible hospital/CAH may leave the field(s) blank and still meet the objective and its associated measure.
- While a hospital’s CEHRT must be capable of sending the full consolidated clinical document architecture (C-CDA) summary of care and a hospital must do so upon request, a hospital may use any document template within the C-CDA HL-7 standard for purposes of meeting these measures.
- A hospital must have the ability to transmit all data pertaining to laboratory test results in the summary of care document, but may work with their system developer to establish clinically relevant parameters for the most appropriate results for the given transition or referral.
- A hospital who limits the transmission of laboratory test result data in a summary of care document must send the full results upon request (i.e. all lab results as opposed to a subset).
- The exchange must comply with the privacy and security protocols for electronic protected health information (ePHI) under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA).
- In cases where the providers share access to an EHR, a transition or referral may still count toward the measure if the referring provider creates the summary of care document using CEHRT and sends the summary of care document electronically. If a provider chooses to include such transitions to providers where access to the EHR is shared, they must do so universally for all patient and all transitions or referrals.
- For Measure 1, the initiating provider must send a consolidated clinical document architecture (C–CDA) document that the receiving provider would be capable of electronically incorporating as a C–CDA on the receiving end. In other words, if a provider sends a C–CDA
and the receiving provider converts the C–CDA into a pdf or a fax or some other format, the sending provider may still count the transition or referral in the numerator. If the sending provider converts the file to a format the receiving provider could not electronically receive and incorporate as a C–CDA, the initiating provider may not count the transition in their numerator.

- For the purposes of defining the cases in the denominator for measure 2, we stated that what constitutes “unavailable” and, therefore, may be excluded from the denominator, will be that a provider—
  - Requested an electronic summary of care record to be sent and did not receive an electronic summary of care document; and
  - The provider either:
    - Queried at least one external source via HIE functionality and did not locate a summary of care for the patient, or the provider does not have access to HIE functionality to support such a query, or
    - Confirmed that HIE functionality supporting query for summary of care documents was not operational in the provider’s geographic region and not available within the provider’s EHR network as of the start of the EHR reporting period.

- For Measure 2, a record cannot be considered to be incorporated if it is discarded without the reconciliation of clinical information or if it is stored in a manner that is not accessible for provider use within the EHR.
- For Measure 3, the process may include both automated and manual reconciliation to allow the receiving provider to work with both the electronic data provided with any necessary review, and to work directly with the patient to reconcile their health information.
- For Measure 3, if no update is necessary, the process of reconciliation may consist of simply verifying that fact or reviewing a record received on referral and determining that such information is merely duplicative of existing information in the patient record.
- Non-medical staff may conduct reconciliation under the direction of the provider so long as the provider or other credentialed medical staff is responsible and accountable for review of the information and for the assessment of and action on any relevant clinical decision support (CDS).

**Regulatory References**

This objective may be found at [42 C.F.R. § 495.24 (d)(7)(ii)(A) and (B)](https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-08-30/pdf/2017-19679.pdf). For further discussion please see [80 FR 62861](https://www.federalregister.gov/d/2015-17281).
# Certification Standards and Criteria

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

## Certification Criteria

Information about certification for 2015 Edition CEHRT can be found at:

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*Depending on the type of certification issued to the EHR technology, it will also have been certified to the certification criteria adopted at 45 CFR 170.315 (g)(1), (g)(2), or both, in order to assist in the calculation of this PI measure.*

## Standards Criteria