

Stage 2

Eligible Hospital and Critical Access Hospital Meaningful Use Core Measures

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Electronic Reportable Laboratory Results	
Objective	Capability to submit electronic reportable laboratory results to public health agencies, where except where prohibited, and in accordance with applicable law and practice.
Measure	Successful ongoing submission of electronic reportable laboratory results from Certified EHR Technology to a public health agency for the entire EHR reporting period.
Exclusion	<p>Any eligible hospital or CAH that meets one or more of the following criteria:</p> <p>(A) Operates in a jurisdiction for which no public health agency is capable of receiving electronic reportable laboratory results in the specific standards required for Certified EHR Technology at the start of their EHR reporting period.</p> <p>(B) Operates in a jurisdiction for which no public health agency provides information timely on capability to receive electronic reportable laboratory results.</p> <p>(C) Operates in a jurisdiction for which no public health agency that is capable of accepting the specific standards required by Certified EHR Technology at the start of their EHR reporting period can enroll additional eligible hospitals or CAHs.</p>

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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

Eligible hospitals or CAHS must attest YES to meeting one of the following criteria under the umbrella of ongoing submission:

- Ongoing submission was already achieved for an EHR reporting period in a prior year and continues throughout the current EHR reporting period.

- Registration with the public health agency or other body to whom the information is being submitted of intent to initiate ongoing submission was made by the deadline (within 60 days of the start of the EHR reporting period) and ongoing submission was achieved.
- Registration of intent to initiate ongoing submission was made by the deadline and the EP or hospital is still engaged in testing and validation of ongoing electronic submission.
- Registration of intent to initiate ongoing submission was made by the deadline and the EP or hospital is awaiting invitation to begin testing and validation

EXCLUSION:

Any eligible hospital or CAH that meets one or more of the following criteria:

(A) Operates in a jurisdiction for which no public health agency is capable of receiving electronic reportable laboratory results in the specific standards required for Certified EHR Technology at the start of their EHR reporting period.

(B) Operates in a jurisdiction for which no public health agency provides information timely on capability to receive electronic reportable laboratory results.

(C) Operates in a jurisdiction for which no public health agency that is capable of accepting the specific standards required by Certified EHR Technology at the start of their EHR reporting period can enroll additional eligible hospitals or CAHs.

Additional Information

- In determining whether the public health agency has the capacity, CMS anticipates developing a centralized repository for this information, including a deadline for the public health agency to submit information. If the public health agency fails to provide information to this centralized repository by the deadline, the provider could claim the exclusion. In the event, that we are unable to develop a centralized repository, providers will make the determination of public health agency capacity by working directly with the public health agency as is currently the case for Stage 1 of meaningful use.
- The first exclusion does not apply if an entity designated by the public health agency can receive electronic immunization data submissions. For example, if the immunization registry cannot accept the data directly or in the standards required by Certified EHR Technology, but if it has designated a Health Information Exchange to do so on their behalf and the Health Information Exchange is capable of accepting the information in the standards required by Certified EHR Technology, the provider could not claim the second exclusion.
- ONC has adopted an updated implementation guide for electronic laboratory reporting from EHR technology in its 2014 Edition EHR certification criteria.
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in coordination with the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists have created the national Reporting Condition Mapping Table (<http://www.cdc.gov/EHRmeaningfuluse/rcmt.html>) that provides further guidance on appropriate vocabularies usable for reportable conditions across the country for reporting of ELR data.
- Eligible hospitals can choose to report data directly from any kind of EHR technology that has

been certified to the certification criteria adopted by ONC.

- In order to meet this objective and measure, eligible hospitals or CAHs must use the capabilities and standards of Certified EHR Technology at 45 CFR 170.314(f)(4).

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	EHR technology must be able to electronically create reportable laboratory tests and values/results for electronic transmission in accordance with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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).
Standards Criteria	
§ 170.205(g) Electronic transmission of lab results to public health agencies.	HL7 2.5.1 (incorporated by reference in § 170.299). Implementation specifications. HL7 Version 2.5.1 Implementation Guide: Electronic Laboratory Reporting to Public Health, Release 1 (US Realm) (incorporated by reference in § 170.299) with Errata and Clarifications, (incorporated by reference in § 170.299) and ELR 2.5.1 Clarification Document for EHR Technology Certification, (incorporated by reference in § 170.299)
§ 170.207(a)(3)	IHTSDO SNOMED CT® International Release July 2012 (incorporated by reference in § 170.299) and US Extension to SNOMED CT® March 2012 Release (incorporated by reference in § 170.299).
§ 170.207(c)(2)	Logical Observation Identifiers Names and Codes (LOINC®) Database version 2.40, a universal code system for identifying laboratory and clinical observations produced by the Regenstrief Institute, Inc. (incorporated by reference in § 170.299).