

## Stage 2

# Eligible Hospital and Critical Access Hospital Meaningful Use Menu Set Measures Measure 1 of 6

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Advance Directive	
Objective	Record whether a patient 65 years old or older has an advance directive.
Measure	More than 50 percent of all unique patients 65 years old or older admitted to the eligible hospital's or CAH's inpatient department (POS 21) during the EHR reporting period have an indication of an advance directive status recorded as structured data.
Exclusion	An eligible hospital or CAH that admits no patients age 65 years old or older during the EHR reporting period.

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### Definition of Terms

**Unique Patient** – If a patient is admitted to an eligible hospital's or CAH's inpatient department (POS 21) more than once during the EHR reporting period, then for purposes of measurement that patient is only counted once in the denominator for the measure.

**Admitted to the Emergency Department** – There are two methods for calculating Emergency Department (ED) admissions for the denominators for measures associated with Stage 1 of Meaningful Use objectives. [Find out more in this FAQ.](#)

### Attestation Requirements

#### DENOMINATOR/NUMERATOR/THRESHOLD/EXCLUSION

- **DENOMINATOR:** The number of unique patients age 65 or older admitted to an eligible hospital's or CAH's inpatient department (POS 21) during the EHR reporting period.
- **NUMERATOR:** The number of patients in the denominator who have an indication of an advance directive status entered using structured data.
- **THRESHOLD:** The resulting 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 that admits no patients age 65 years old or older during the EHR reporting period.

## Additional Information

- The provider is permitted, but not required, to limit the measure of this objective to those patients whose records are maintained using certified EHR technology (CEHRT).
- The recording of advance directives may not be permissible in some states under existing state law. In order to satisfy the measure of this objective, providers need only record the indication that an advance directive exists.
- The calculation of the denominator for the measure of this objective is limited to unique patients age 65 or older who are admitted to an eligible hospital's or CAH's inpatient department (POS 21). Patients admitted to an emergency department (POS 23) should not be included in the calculation.
- In order to meet this objective and measure, an eligible hospital or CAH must use the capabilities and standards of CEHRT at 45 CFR 170.314(a)(17).

## 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(a)(17) Advance directives	Enable a user to electronically record whether a patient has an advance directive.
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*\*Depending on the type of certification issued to the EHR technology, it will also have been certified to the certification criterion adopted at 45 CFR 170.314 (g)(1), (g)(2), or both, in order to assist in the calculation of this meaningful use measure.*

### Standards Criteria

N/A