

## Stage 2

# Eligible Hospital and Critical Access Hospital Meaningful Use Menu Set Measures

## Measure 2 of 6

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Electronic Notes	
Objective	Record electronic notes in patient records.
Measure	Enter at least one electronic progress note created, edited and signed by an authorized provider of the eligible hospital's or CAH's inpatient or emergency department (POS 21 or 23) for more than 30 percent of unique patients admitted to the eligible hospital or CAH's inpatient or emergency department during the EHR reporting period. The text of the electronic note must be text searchable and may contain drawings and other content.
Exclusion	No exclusion.

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### Definition of Terms

**Electronic Notes** – Defined as electronic progress notes. CMS will rely on providers own determinations and guidelines defining when progress notes are necessary to communicate individual patient circumstances and for coordination with previous documentation of patient observations, treatments and/or results in the electronic health record.

### Attestation Requirements

#### DENOMINATOR/ NUMERATOR/THRESHOLD

- DENOMINATOR: Number of unique patients admitted to an eligible hospital or CAH's inpatient or emergency department (POS 21 or 23) during the EHR reporting period.
- NUMERATOR: The number of unique patients in the denominator who have at least one electronic progress note from an authorized provider of the eligible hospital's or CAH's inpatient or emergency department (POS 21 or 23) recorded as text searchable data.
- THRESHOLD: The resulting percentage must be more than 30 percent in order for the eligible hospital or CAH to meet this measure.

## Additional Information

- Any authorized provider of the eligible hospital's or CAH's inpatient or emergency departments (POS 21 or 23) may author, edit, and provide an electronic signature for the electronic notes in order for them to be considered for this measure.
- An authorized provider may author, edit and sign the note in any manner including dictation, conversion of written notes to text searchable notes, direct entry into the EHR or any other method as long as the end result is a text searchable note that is the information that the authorized provider wanted to note.
- Non-searchable notes do not qualify, but this does not mean that all of the content has to be character text.
- Drawings and other content can be included with searchable text notes under this measure.
- In order to meet this objective and measure the eligible hospital or CAH must use the capabilities and standards of certified electronic health record technology (CEHRT) at 45 CFR 170.314(a)(9).

## 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)(9)  
Electronic notes

Enable a user to electronically record, change, access, and search electronic notes.

*\*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