

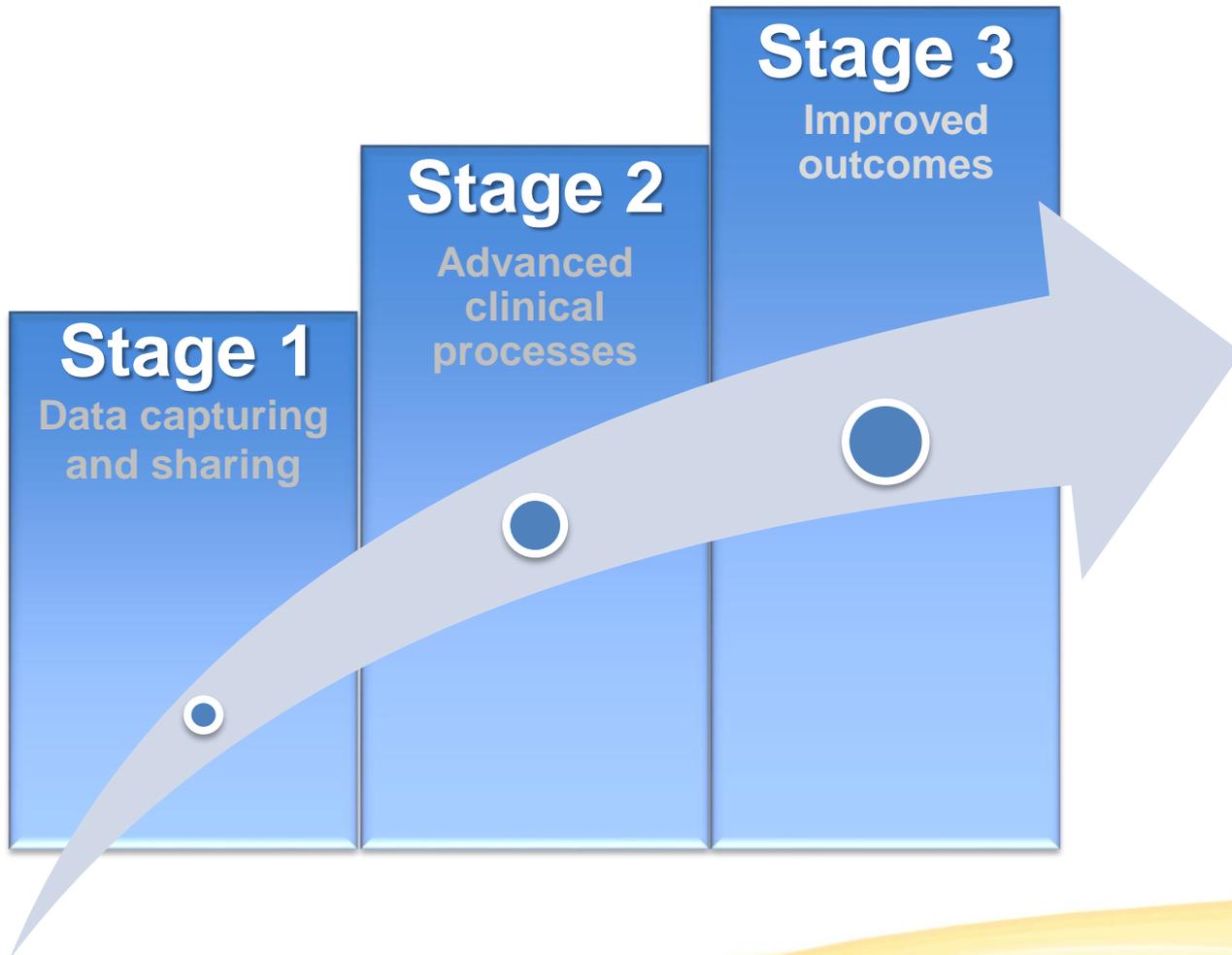
CMS Modifications to Meaningful Use in 2015-2017 Proposed Rule May 7, 2015

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Goals of Proposed Provisions

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Align with Stage 3 proposed rule to achieve overall goals of programs

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Synchronize reporting period objectives and measures to reduce burden

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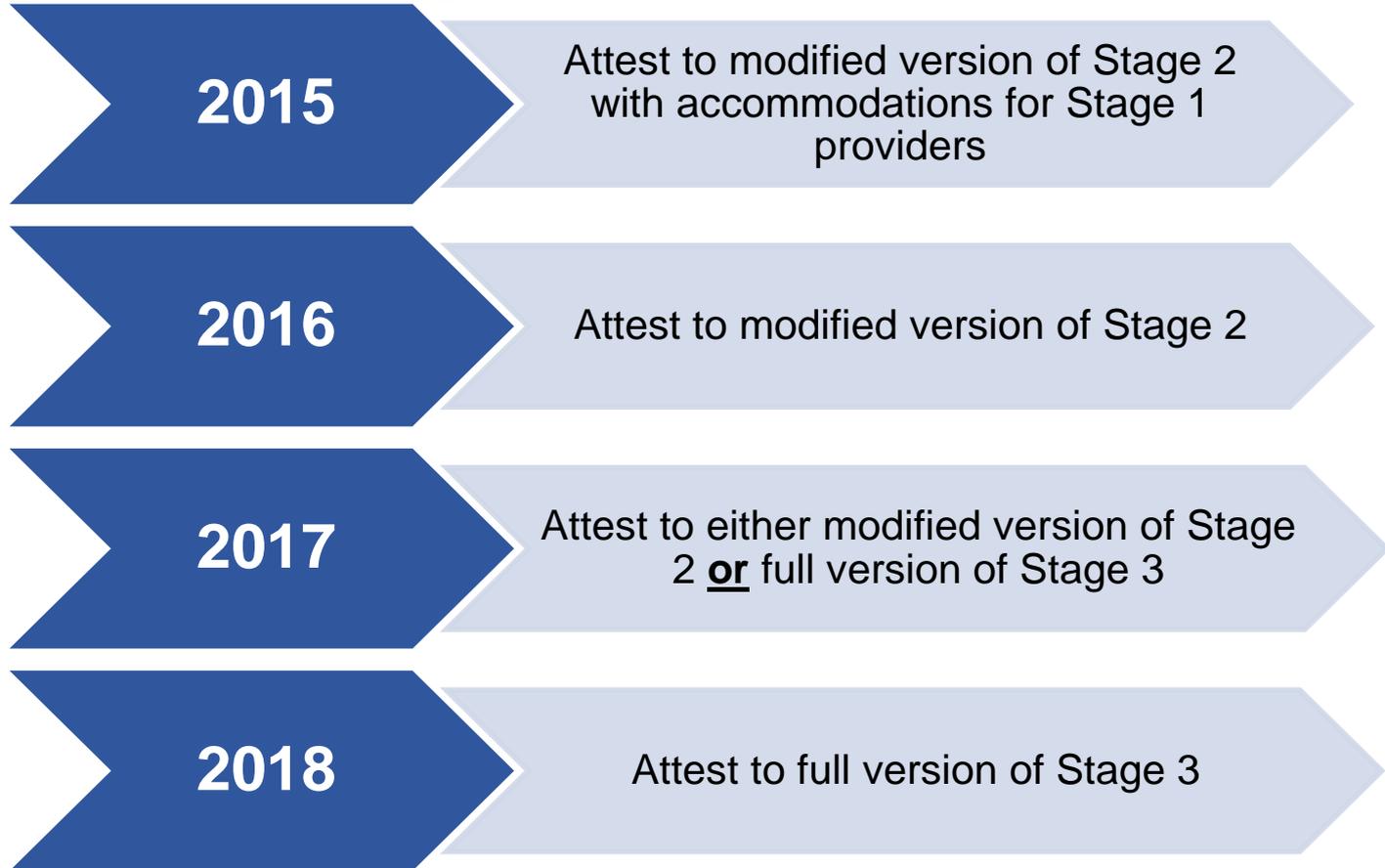
Continue to support advanced use of health IT to improve outcomes for patients

Modifications to Meaningful Use in 2015 through 2017 NPRM

Proposed rule for Medicare and Medicaid EHR Incentive Programs:

- Streamlines program by removing redundant, duplicative and topped out measures
- Modifies patient action measures in Stage 2 objectives related to patient engagement
- Aligned reporting period with full calendar year
- Changes EHR reporting period in 2015 to 90-day period to accommodate modifications

Changes to Participation Timeline



Alignment of Meaningful Use NPRMs

The Stage 1 and 2 Modification NPRM reconciles measures to align criteria for 2015 to 2017 with Stage 3 to:

- Prepare providers to report Stage 3 criteria in 2018
- Reduce provider burden and create a single set of sustainable objectives that promote best practices for patients
- Enable providers to focus on objectives which support advanced use of health IT, such as:
 - health information exchange
 - consumer engagement
 - public health reporting

For New Participants

- In 2015, propose allowing providers to attest to an EHR reporting period of any continuous 90-day period within calendar year
- In 2016, first-time participants may use EHR reporting period of any continuous 90-day period between January 1, 2016 and December 31, 2016
 - All returning participants must use EHR reporting period of **full calendar year** (January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2016)
- In 2017, all providers, both new or existing, must use EHR reporting period of one full calendar year as defined in Stage 3 proposed rule

EHR Certification

- No proposed changes to individual certification requirements for objectives and measures of meaningful use for EHR reporting period in 2015 through 2017 under proposed rule
- Proposing providers continue to use 2014 Edition certification criteria for EHR reporting period in 2015 and subsequent years until transition to 2015 Edition certification criteria is required for EHR reporting period in 2018

Note: Providers may upgrade early to technology certified to the 2015 Edition for EHR reporting period prior to 2018 as outlined in Stage 3 proposed rule

Reporting in 2015 and 2016

- 2015 Only- Stage 1 providers only may use alternate exclusions and specifications
- In 2016, all EPs will report on 9 objectives 2 public health measures
 - All EHs, 8 objectives and 3 public health measures
- Modifications to patient action and public health objectives

Changes from Stage 1 for EPs

Current Stage 1 EP Objectives

- 13 core objectives
- 5 of 9 menu objectives including 1 public health objective

Proposed EP Objectives for 2015-2017

- **9 core objectives**
- **2 public health options**

Current EP Objectives Aligning with Stage 3

- 6 core objectives
- 3 menu objectives
- 2 public health objectives

Changes from Stage 1 for EHs

Current EHs/CAHs Stage 1 Objectives

- 11 core objectives
- 5 of 10 menu objectives including 1 public health objective

Proposed EHs/CAHs Objectives for 2015-2017

- **8 core objectives**
- **3 public health options**

Current EHs/CAHs Objectives Aligning with Stage 3

- 5 core objectives
- 3 menu objectives
- 3 public health objectives

Changes from Stage 2 for EPs

Current EP Stage 2 Objectives

- 17 core objectives including public health objectives
- 3 of 6 menu objectives

Proposed EP Objectives for 2015-2017

- **9 core objectives**
- **2 public health options**

Current EP Objectives Aligning with Stage 3

- 7 core objectives
- 1 menu objective
- 3 public health objectives

Changes from Stage 2 for EHs

Current EHs/CAHs Stage 2 Objectives

- 16 core objectives including public health objectives
- 3 of 6 menu objectives

Proposed EHs/CAHs Objectives for 2015-2017

- **8 core objectives**
- **3 public health options**

Current EHs/CAHs Objectives Aligning with Stage 3

- 7 core objectives
- 1 menu objective
- 3 public health objectives

Changes to Patient Action Objectives

Following changes would be effective for providers for EHR reporting period beginning in 2015:

Changing threshold from Stage 2 objective for Patient Electronic Access measure #2 from 5% to equal to or greater than **1 patient** seen by provider or discharged from hospital

Changing threshold from Stage 2 objective Secure Electronic Messaging from percent to **functionality fully enabled** (yes/no)

Changes to Public Health Objectives

Following changes would be effective for providers for EHR reporting period beginning in 2015:

Consolidating all public health reporting objectives into **one objective** with measure options following structure of Stage 3 Public Health Reporting objective

Changing eligible hospital electronic prescribing objective from “menu” to “core” with an exclusion available for certain eligible hospitals/CAHs

Clinical Quality Measures

Proposing no changes to CQM selection or reporting scheme from CQM requirements in Stage 2 rule

For EHR reporting period in 2015 (and for providers participating for first time in 2016), proposing providers attest to any continuous 90-day period of CQM data during calendar year through Medicare EHR Incentive Program

Registration and Attestation site – Providers also have option to electronically report CQM data using established methods for electronic reporting

For 2016 and subsequent years, providers beyond first year of meaningful use may attest to one full calendar year of CQM data or electronically report CQM data using established methods for electronic reporting outlined

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