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» Medicare EHR Incentive Program:  
**INTERACTIVE HARDSHIP  
EXCEPTION TOOL FOR  
ELIGIBLE PROFESSIONALS**



# Hardship Exception Tool

Use this tool to determine if you will avoid the upcoming 2015 and 2016 Medicare EHR Incentive Program payment adjustments by demonstrating meaningful use, or if you should apply for a hardship exception.

For more information on payment adjustments and applying for hardship exceptions, visit the [EHR Incentive Programs website](#).

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# Hardship Exception Tool

Did you successfully demonstrate meaningful use in 2013?



Yes



No

# Hardship Exception Tool

Q: Did you successfully demonstrate meaningful use in 2013?

A: Yes

**You avoided the 2015 payment adjustment and do not need to apply for the 2015 hardship exception.**

**Do you expect to successfully demonstrate meaningful use in 2014?\***

*\*Successfully demonstrate meaningful use in 2014 means you have completed the reporting period by December 31, 2014, and successfully attested by February 28, 2015*



Yes



No

# Hardship Exception Tool

**Q:** Do you expect to successfully demonstrate meaningful use in 2014?\*

**A:** Yes

**If you successfully demonstrate meaningful use in 2014,\*  
you will avoid the 2016 payment adjustment.**

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# Hardship Exception Tool

**Q:** Do you expect to successfully demonstrate meaningful use in 2014?\*

**A:** No

**If you are unable to demonstrate meaningful use in 2014,\* you may qualify for a hardship exception for the 2016 payment adjustment.**

**To avoid the 2016 payment adjustment, apply for a hardship exception by July 1, 2015, using the 2016 payment adjustment application (available on the [EHR website](#) in fall of 2014).**

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# Hardship Exception Tool

Q: Did you successfully demonstrate meaningful use in 2013?

A: No

Is 2014 your first year of participation in the Medicare EHR Incentive Program?



Yes



No

# Hardship Exception Tool

**Q:** Is 2014 your first year of participation in the Medicare EHR Incentive Program?

**A:** Yes

**Do you expect to successfully demonstrate meaningful use by *October 1, 2014*?**



Yes



No

# Hardship Exception Tool

**Q:** Do you expect to successfully demonstrate meaningful use by **October 1, 2014?**

**A:** Yes

**If you successfully demonstrate meaningful use by October 1, 2014, you will avoid both the 2015 and 2016 payment adjustments.**

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# Hardship Exception Tool

**Q:** Do you expect to successfully demonstrate meaningful use by October 1, 2014?

**A:** No

**If you are unable to successfully demonstrate meaningful use by October 1, 2014, you may qualify for a hardship exception for the 2015 payment adjustment.**

**To avoid the 2015 payment adjustment, apply for a hardship exception by July 1, 2014, using the 2015 payment adjustment application.**

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# Hardship Exception Tool

**Q:** Do you expect to successfully demonstrate meaningful use by **October 1, 2014?**

**A:** Yes

**If you successfully demonstrate meaningful use in 2014,\* you will avoid the 2016 payment adjustment.**

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