

Medicare Promoting Interoperability PROGRAM

2022 MEDICARE PROMOTING INTEROPERABILITY PROGRAM: CERTIFIED ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD TECHONOLGY FACT SHEET

For those participating in the Medicare Promoting Interoperability Program, in order to be considered a meaningful user and avoid a downward payment adjustment, eligible hospitals and critical access hospitals (CAHs) may use technology meeting the (1) existing 2015 Edition certification criteria, (2) the 2015 Edition Cures Update criteria, or (3) a combination of the two in order to meet the certified electronic health record (EHR) technology (CEHRT) definition, as finalized in the [Calendar Year \(CY\) 2021 Physician Fee Schedule final rule \(85 FR 84818 through 84828\)](#).

For CY 2022, the CEHRT functionality must be in place by the first day of the EHR reporting period and the product must be certified by the last day of the EHR reporting period. The eligible hospital or CAH must be using their selected version's functionality for the full EHR reporting period. In many situations the product may be deployed but pending certification.

2015 Edition Cures Update

ONC's 21st Century Cures Act Final Rule made several changes to the existing 2015 Edition Health IT Certification Criteria. The following changes constitute the 2015 Edition Cures Update:

- Introduced new technical certification criteria to advance interoperability and make it easier for patients to access their own electronic health information on their smartphones.
- Added new privacy and security certification criteria.
- Revised the standards referenced by several existing 2015 Edition certification criteria, including United States Core Data for Interoperability updates.
- Removed and time-limited several 2015 Edition certification criteria.

To learn more about the 2015 Edition Cures Update, please review [ONC's 21st Century Cures Act final rule](#). To check whether a health IT product has been certified to the 2015 Edition Cures Update criteria, visit the [Certified Health IT Product List](#).



Benefits of CEHRT

- Supports electronic transitions of care, closing referral loops, and giving hospitals straightforward and secure access to their patients' records from outside organizations.
- Makes the process for patients to get their personal health information less time-consuming and tedious for all parties while maintaining confidentiality.
- Enables the use of application programming interfaces (APIs) to help hospitals access and exchange the health information in CEHRT more easily.
- Supports patient electronic access to health information through functionalities and a range of potential technologies including the use of APIs. These technologies allow patients greater flexibility and choice in how they access and share their health information.