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New Comparison Tables Highlight the Differences Between the Two Stages of Meaningful Use

On August 23, 2012, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) published the final rule for Stage 2 of the Medicare and Medicaid Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Programs. The rule provides new criteria that eligible professionals (EPs), eligible hospitals, and critical access hospitals (CAHs) must meet to successfully participate in the EHR Incentive Programs.

Stage 1 vs. Stage 2 Tables

CMS created Stage 1 vs. Stage 2 Comparison Tables to help providers navigate the next Stage of meaningful use. There is a table for both [EPs](#) and for [eligible hospitals and CAHs](#), and each compares the Stage 1 and Stage 2 core and menu objectives. Providers will be able to see which measures are new, which ones are changing, and which ones are being removed. The tables can be found online in the [Stage 2 section](#) of the CMS EHR Incentive Programs website.

Snapshot of the Comparison Tables

The table below is a small snapshot of the EP comparison table that is available online. Visit the Stage 2 section of the website to view the complete tables.

Stage 1 Objective	Stage 1 Measure	Stage 2 Objective	Stage 2 Measure
Implement drug-drug and drug-allergy interaction checks	The EP has enabled this functionality for the entire EHR reporting period	No longer a separate objective for Stage 2	This measure is incorporated into the Stage 2 Clinical Decision Support measure

Generate and transmit permissible prescriptions electronically (eRx)	More than 40% of all permissible prescriptions written by the EP are transmitted electronically using certified EHR technology	Generate and transmit permissible prescriptions electronically (eRx)	More than 50% of all permissible prescriptions written by the EP are compared to at least one drug formulary and transmitted electronically using Certified EHR Technology
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