



# EHR Incentive Programs

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## **Second Notice of Proposed Rulemaking related to Stage 2 Meaningful Use Released**

On Friday, February 24, the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) announced the release of a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) that details the [Standards & Certification Criteria \(S&CC\)](#) that delineate proposed requirements for certified EHR products.

ONC's proposed rule identifies standards and criteria for the certification of EHR technology, so eligible professionals and hospitals participating in the [Medicare and Medicaid Electronic Health Record \(EHR\) Incentive Programs](#) can be sure that the systems they adopt are capable of performing the required functions to demonstrate either stage of meaningful use that would be in effect starting in 2014.

This proposed rule complements the newly released CMS [proposed rule](#) for Stage 2 requirements for the Incentive Programs, clarifying the specifications necessary to meet the criteria for these programs. Together, these rules will encourage even more providers to participate and support more coordinated, patient-centered care.

### **Resources related to the NPRMs:**

- [CMS fact sheet](#)
- [ONC fact sheet](#)
- [HHS press release](#)
- [Presentation: Proposed Rule Standards & Certification Criteria 2014 Edition](#)

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