



Eligible Hospital and Critical Access Hospital Meaningful Use Core Measures Measure 10 of 13

Stage 1

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Clinical Decision Support Rule	
Objective	Implement one clinical decision support rule related to a high priority hospital condition along with the ability to track compliance with that rule.
Measure	Implement one clinical decision support rule.
Exclusion	No exclusion.

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Definition of Terms

Clinical Decision Support – HIT functionality that builds upon the foundation of an EHR to provide persons involved in care decisions with general and person-specific information, intelligently filtered and organized, at point of care, to enhance health and health care.

Attestation Requirements

YES/NO

Eligible hospitals and CAHs must attest YES to having implemented one clinical decision support rule for the length of the reporting period to meet this measure.

Additional Information

- CMS will not issue additional guidance on the selection of appropriate clinical decision support rules for Stage 1 Meaningful Use. This determination is best left to the eligible hospital or CAH taking into account its workflow, patient population, and quality improvement efforts.
- Drug-drug and drug-allergy interaction alerts cannot be used to meet the meaningful use objective for implementing one clinical decision support rule. Eligible hospitals and CAHs must

implement one clinical decision support rule in addition to drug-drug and drug-allergy interaction checks.

Related Meaningful Use FAQs

To see the FAQs, click the New ID # hyperlinks below, or visit the CMS FAQ web page at <https://questions.cms.gov/> and enter the New ID # into the Search Box, clicking the “FAQ #” option to view the answer to the FAQ. (Or you can enter the OLD # into the Search Box and click the “Text” option.)

- Can the drug-drug and drug-allergy interaction alerts of my EHR also be used to meet the meaningful use objective for implementing one clinical decision support rule?
[New ID #2783](#), [Old ID #10077](#)

Certification and Standards Criteria

Below is the corresponding certification and standards criteria for electronic health record technology that supports achieving the meaningful use of this objective.

Certification Criteria	
§170.306(c) Clinical decision support	(1) <i>Implement rules.</i> Implement automated, electronic clinical decision support rules (in addition to drug-drug and drug-allergy contraindication checking) based on the data elements included in: problem list; medication list; demographics; and laboratory test results.
	(2) <i>Notifications.</i> Automatically and electronically generate and indicate in real-time, notifications and care suggestions based upon clinical decision support rules.
Standards Criteria	
N/A	

Related Certification FAQs

Click on the green numbers to view the answer to the FAQ.

- For the Medicare and Medicaid Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Programs, is an eligible professional or eligible hospital limited to demonstrating meaningful use in the exact way that EHR technology was tested and certified? For example, if a Complete EHR has been tested and certified using a specific workflow, is an eligible professional or eligible hospital required to use that specific workflow when it demonstrates meaningful use? Similarly, if the EHR technology was tested and certified with certain clinical decision support rules, are those the only clinical decision support rules an eligible health care provider is permitted to use when demonstrating meaningful use? [3-11-024-1](#)

