



# EHR Meaningful Use Criteria

The following objectives and measurements have been submitted as proposed rules and have been published in the Federal Register. They are currently open for comment for a 60-day period prior to achieving final approval in March. Measurements are for practice-level providers; hospital-level measurements have been removed.

## ► Policy Priority 1: Improve quality, safety and efficiency and reduce health disparities

Objective	Measurement
► Use computerized physician order entry (CPOE)	CPOE is used for at least 80% of all orders
► Implement drug-drug, drug-allergy and drug-formulary checks	The EP (Eligible Physician) has enabled this functionality in their certified EHR
► Maintain an up-to-date problem list of current and active diagnoses based on ICD-9-CM or SNOMED CT®	At least 80% of all unique patients seen by the EP have at least one entry or an indication of “none” recorded as structured data
► Generate and transmit permissible prescriptions electronically (eRx)	At least 75% of all permissible prescriptions written by the EP are transmitted electronically using certified EHR technology
► Maintain an active medication list	At least 80% of all unique patients seen by the EP have at least one entry (or an indication of “none: if the patient is not currently prescribed any medication) recorded as structured data
► Maintain an active medication allergy list	At least 80% of all unique patients seen by the EP have at least one entry (or an indication of “none: if the patient has no medication allergies) recorded as structured data
► Record demographics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Preferred language</li><li>• Insurance type</li><li>• Gender</li><li>• Race</li><li>• Ethnicity</li><li>• Date of Birth</li></ul>	At least 80% of all unique patients seen by the EP have demographics recorded as structured data
► Record and chart changes in vital signs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Height</li><li>• Weight</li><li>• Blood Pressure</li><li>• Calculate and display BMI</li><li>• Plot and display growth charts for children 2-20 years, including BMI</li></ul>	For at least 80% of all unique patients age 2 and over seen by the EP, record blood pressure and BMI; additionally plot growth chart from children age 2-20.
► Record smoking status for patients 13 years or older	At least 80% of all unique patients 13 years old or older seen by the EP have “smoking status” recorded
► Incorporate clinical lab test results into EHR as structured data	At least 50% of all clinical lab tests ordered whose results are positive/negative or numerical format are incorporated in certified EHR technology as structured data

► **Policy Priority 1, continued: Improve quality, safety and efficiency and reduce health disparities**

**Objective**

**Measurement**

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| ► Generate lists of patients by specific conditions to use for quality improvement, reduction of disparities and outreach  | Generate at least one report listing patients of the EP with a specific condition  |
| ► Report ambulatory quality measures to CMS  | For 2011, provide aggregate numerator and denominator through attestation as discussed in section II(A)(3) of the rule. For 2012, electronically submit the measures as discussed in II(A)(3) of the rule. |
| ► Send reminders to patients per patient preference for preventative and/or follow-up care   | Reminder sent to at least 50% of all unique patients seen by the EP that are age 50 or over  |
| ► Implement 5 clinical decision support rules relevant to specialty or high clinical priority, including diagnostic test ordering, along with the ability to track compliance with those rules | Implement 5 clinical decision support rules relevant to the clinical quality metrics the EP is responsible for as described by II(A)(3)  |
| ► Check insurance eligibility electronically from public and private payors  | Insurance eligibility checked electronically for at least 80% of all unique patients seen by the EP  |
| ► Submit claims electronically to public and private payers  | At least 80% of all claims filed electronically by the EP  |

► **Policy Priority 2: Engage patients and families in their healthcare**

**Objective**

**Measurement**

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| ► Provide patients with an electronic copy of their health information (including lab results, problem list, medication lists and allergies) upon request | At least 80% of all patients who request an electronic copy of their health information are provided it within 48 hours |
| ► Provide patients with timely electronic access to their health information (including lab results, problem list, medication lists, and allergies)       | At least 10% of all unique patients seen by the EP are provided timely electronic access to their health information    |
| ► Provide clinical summaries for patients for each encounter  | Clinical summaries are provided for at least 80% of all visits  |



*“Our recovery plan will invest in electronic health records and new technology that will reduce errors, bring down costs, ensure privacy and save lives.”*

**President Barack Obama**

Address to Joint Session of Congress

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### ► Policy Priority 3: Improve care coordination

#### Objective

#### Measurement

- Capability to exchange key clinical information (for example problem list, medication list, allergies, diagnostic test results), among providers of care and patient authorized entities electronically

Perform at least one test of certified EHR's capacity to electronically exchange key clinical information

- Perform medication reconciliation at relevant encounters and each transition of care

Perform medication reconciliation for at least 80% of relevant encounters and transitions of care

- Provide summary care record for each transition of care and referral

Provide summary of care record for at least 80% of transitions of care and referrals

### ► Policy Priority 4: Improve population and public health

#### Objective

#### Measurement

- Capability to submit electronic data to immunization registries and actual submission where required and accepted

Perform at least one test of certified EHR's capacity to submit electronic data to immunization registries

- Capability to provide electronic syndromic surveillance data to public health agencies and actual transmission according to applicable law and practice

Perform at least one test of certified EHR's capacity to provide electronic syndromic surveillance data to public agencies (unless none of the public health agencies to which an EP submits such information have the capacity to receive the information electronically)

### ► Policy Priority 5: Ensure adequate privacy and security protections for personal health information

#### Objective

#### Measurement

- Protect electronic health information created or maintained by the certified EHR technology through the implementation of appropriate technical capabilities

Conduct or review a security risk analysis per 45 CFR 164.308(a)(1) and implement security updates as necessary

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