



Delaware Medicaid Promoting Interoperability Program for Electronic Health Records

Program Year (PY) 2020 Meaningful Use

By focusing on the effective use of electronic health records (EHRs) with certain capabilities, the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Care (HITECH) Act makes clear that the adoption of EHRs is not a goal in itself: It is the use of EHRs to achieve health and efficiency goals that matters. HITECH's incentives and assistance programs seek to improve the health of Americans and the performance of their healthcare system through "meaningful use" of EHRs to achieve five (5) healthcare goals:

- To improve the quality, safety, and efficiency of care while reducing disparities;
- To engage patients and families in their care;
- To promote public and population health;
- To improve care coordination; and
- To promote the privacy and security of EHRs.

In the context of the EHR incentive programs, "demonstrating meaningful use" is the key to receiving the incentive payments. It means meeting a series of objectives that make use of EHRs' potential and relate to the improvement of quality, efficiency, and patient safety in the healthcare system using the certified EHR technology.

Meaningful Use Attestation for Medicaid Eligible Professionals: Stage 3

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) established the Promoting Interoperability Program (formally named the EHR Incentive Program) in 2011 to encourage Eligible Professionals (EPs), Eligible Hospitals (EHs) and Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs) to adopt, implement, upgrade, and successfully demonstrate meaningful use of certified electronic health record technology (CEHRT).

Key Concepts for the Promoting Interoperability Program for Program Year 2020

- For Program Year (PY) 2020, the EHR reporting period for Medicaid Eligible Professionals (EPs) and Eligible Hospitals (EHs) is a minimum of any continuous 90-day period. In Delaware, the Medicaid attestation period opened April 20, 2020 for Program Year 2020.
- All participants in the Medicaid Promoting Interoperability Program are required to use 2015 Edition CEHRT. This requirement will benefit healthcare providers and patients by using the most up-to-date standards and functions to better support interoperable exchange of health information and improve clinical workflows. The 2015 Edition CEHRT did not have to be implemented on January 1, 2020. However, the functionality must be in place by the first day of the EHR reporting period and the product must be certified to the 2015 Edition criteria by the last day of the EHR reporting period. The EP, EH, or CAH must be using the 2015 Edition functionality for the full EHR reporting period. In many situations the product may be deployed but pending certification. [2020 CEHRT Requirements](#).



- The PY 2020 Physician Fee Schedule (PFS) [final rule](#) established that, in 2020, all Medicaid EPs must report on a 90-day eCQM reporting period. EPs are required to report on any six (6) eCQMs related to their scope of practice. In addition, Medicaid EPs are required to report on at least one (1) outcome measure. If no outcome measures are relevant to that EP, they must report on at least one (1) other high-priority measure. If there are no outcome or high priority measures relevant to an EP's scope of practice, they must report on any six (6) relevant measures.
- The list of available eCQMs for EPs in 2020 is aligned with the list of eCQMs available for Eligible Clinicians under MIPS in 2020. Those eCQMs can be found at <https://ecqi.healthit.gov/eligible-professional-eligible-clinician-ecqms>.

Objective 5 Measure 1 Application Program Interface (API)

In the Stage 3 regulation and 2019 specification sheet for Objective 5, Measure 1 was unclear. CMS allowed flexibility on the requirement to meet this measure for 2019 and clarified the requirement for PY 2020.

Measure 1: For more than 80 percent (80%) of all unique patients seen by the EP:

- (1) The patient (or the patient-authorized representative) is provided timely access to view online, download, and transmit his or her health information; and
- (2) The provider ensures the patient's health information is available for the patient (or patient-authorized representative) to access using any application of their choice that is configured to meet the technical specifications of the Application Programming Interface (API) in the provider's certified electronic health record technology (CEHRT).

Please see the Medicaid Specification sheets for more information on the requirements to meet all eight (8) Objectives.

Additional Resources

- [FY 2020 Medicaid EP Specification Sheets \(PDF\)](#)
- [2020 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule \(PFS\) Final Rule](#)



Summary

Stage 3 was established in 2017 as a result of the 2015 final rule and focuses on using CEHRT to improve health outcomes. All EPs must report Meaningful Use with Stage 3 measures in PY 2020.

First Year	Stage of Promoting Interoperability Programs								
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019 and Future Years
Demonstrating Meaningful Use									
2011	Stage 1	Stage 1	Stage 1	Stage 1 or Stage 2	Modified Stage 2	Modified Stage 2	Modified Stage 2 or Stage 3	Modified Stage 2 or Stage 3	Stage 3
2012	N/A	Stage 1	Stage 1	Stage 1 or Stage 2	Modified Stage 2	Modified Stage 2	Modified Stage 2 or Stage 3	Modified Stage 2 or Stage 3	Stage 3
2013	N/A	N/A	Stage 1	Stage 1	Modified Stage 2	Modified Stage 2	Modified Stage 2 or Stage 3	Modified Stage 2 or Stage 3	Stage 3
2014	N/A	N/A	N/A	Stage 1	Modified Stage 2	Modified Stage 2	Modified Stage 2 or Stage 3	Modified Stage 2 or Stage 3	Stage 3
2015	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Modified Stage 2	Modified Stage 2	Modified Stage 2 or Stage 3	Modified Stage 2 or Stage 3	Stage 3
2016	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Modified Stage 2	Modified Stage 2 or Stage 3	Modified Stage 2 or Stage 3	Stage 3
2017	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Modified Stage 2 or Stage 3	Modified Stage 2 or Stage 3	Stage 3
2018	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Modified Stage 2 or Stage 3	Stage 3
2019 and Future Years	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Stage 3

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