

Stage 2 Final Rule

TIMING:

- Stage 2 begins October 1, 2013 for EHs and January 1, 2014 for EPs
- One time 3-month or 90-day MU reporting period in 2014
 - Regardless of what stage of MU provider is in*
 - For EHs, 3-month period is fixed to the fiscal quarter*
 - For EPs, will remain any continuous 90-day period in the calendar year*

MU OBJECTIVES:

- Stage 2 retains the core and menu objectives structure
- Some thresholds have been raised
- Some objectives have been combined
- EPs: 17 core + 3 menu
- EHs: 16 core + 3 menu
- New EP core objective: Use secure electronic messaging to communicate with patients on relevant health information
- New EH core objective: Automatically track medications from order to administration using assistive technologies in conjunction with an eMAR
- EP 'replacement' objective: Provide patients the ability to view online, download and transmit their health information within four business days of information being available to the EP
- EH 'replacement' objective: Give patients the ability to view online, download and transmit their health information within 36 hours after discharge from the hospital
- New requirements for summary of care (electronic exchange)
- New menu objectives for EPs and EHs
 - Record electronic notes in patient records*
 - Imaging results accessible through CEHRT*
 - Record patient family health history*
- New menu objectives for EPs
 - Identify and report cancer cases to a State cancer registry*
 - Identify and report specific cases to a specialized registry (other than cancer)*
- New menu objectives for EHs
 - Generate and transmit permissible discharge prescriptions electronically*
 - Provide structured lab results to ambulatory providers*

CLINICAL QUALITY MEASURES:

- EPs must report on 9 out of 64 total CQMs
- EHs must report on 16 out of 29 total CQMs
- CQMs must be from at least 3 of the 6 key health care policy domains:
 - Patient and Family Engagement*
 - Patient Safety*
 - Care Coordination*
 - Population and Public Health*
 - Efficient Use of Healthcare Resources*
 - Clinical Processes/Effectiveness*

