



Promoting Interoperability Program: 2021 Updates

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Agenda

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Stage 3 Refresher



Stage 3 Objectives and Measures

- Meet compliance threshold for all measures under eight objectives:
 1. Protect Patient Health Information (complete security risk assessment)
 2. e-Prescribing (>60%)
 3. Clinical Decision Support (five CDS rules, drug/drug/allergy interaction checking)
 4. Computerized Provider Order Entry (>60% medications, labs, imaging)
 5. Patient Electronic Access (>80% online access, >35% educational material)
 6. Coordination of Care through Patient Engagement (>5% view/download/transmit, secure messaging, patient-generated data)
 7. Health Information Exchange (>50% send summary of care, >40% receive summary of care, >80% clinical information reconciliation)
 8. Public Health Reporting (engage with two of: immunization, syndromic surveillance, case reporting, public health registry, specialized registry)
- Learn more at <https://www.chitrec.org/webinars/archive/#promoting-interoperability>



Clinical Quality Measures

- Report at least six measures exactly per output of CEHRT
- Include at least one outcome measure
- In lieu of an outcome measure, include at least one high-priority measure
- If fewer than six measures with non-zero denominator are available from CEHRT, reporting measures with 0/0 is allowed





Programmatic Updates



Patient Volume

- No change to calculation methodology
- Select an exact 90 day reporting period **from CY 2020**
- Program adjudicator is currently accepting data for pre-approval
- Send to hfs.ehrincentive@illinois.gov:
 - Organization name/TIN (group) or provider name/NPI (individual)
 - Reporting period
 - Total encounters
 - Medicaid FFS encounters
 - Medicaid MCO encounters



Stage 3 Reporting

- No changes to Stage 3 objectives, measures or compliance thresholds
- Still requires 2015 Edition CEHRT
- Must meet all objectives and measures during a 90+ day period **during CY 2021**
- Must report clinical quality measures (CQM) **from a 90+ day period:**
 - Providers able to attest as soon as a 90-day period is completed in 2021
 - CQM reporting period may differ from objectives reporting period



Deadlines

- By federal rule, Medicaid PI incentives must be **paid** by 12/31/21
- In order to meet this timeline, 2021 attestations must be submitted by **August 31st, 2021**, which is earlier than previous program years
- The last 90-day reporting period for 2021 is June 2- August 30, 2021
- Early attestation deadline results in limited re-submission windows

Program Year	Attestation Deadline	Re-Submission Deadline (if rejected)
2021	8/31/21	10/31/21





Adjudication Updates



Security Risk Assessment (SRA)

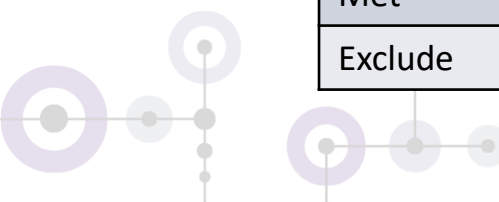
- For 2021, eMIPP will support two options when attesting to Objective 1:
 - SRA has been completed prior to attestation
 - SRA will be completed no later than 12/31/21
- If SRA is completed prior to August 31st, evidence needs to be uploaded in eMIPP
- If a SRA is not completed by attestation, the provider will be required to attest that they will complete one by December 31, 2021
 - As of now, in the eMIPP system, you would choose “No” for the SRA attestation question
 - “No” will indicate it will be completed prior to 12/31/21
 - The provider may be required to submit evidence of the completed SRA after the incentive payment has been issued



Coordination of Care and Health Information Exchange

- Objectives 6 and 7 have three measures each:
 - An EP must attest to all three measures and meet the threshold for two measures for this objective
 - If the EP meets the criteria for exclusion from two measures, they must meet the threshold for the one remaining measure
 - If they meet the criteria for exclusion from all three measures, they may be excluded from meeting this objective
- These statements leave ambiguity for certain outcomes, which will be adjudicated as follows:

Measure Result	Measure Result	Measure Result	Objective Result
Met	Exclude	Exclude	Pass
Exclude	Exclude	Exclude	Pass
Met	Exclude	Did not meet	Fail
Exclude	Exclude	Did not meet	Fail



Immunization Registry Reporting

- Under Stage 3 requirements, immunization registry requires bi-directionality:
 - Submit immunization data **and** receive immunization forecasts and histories
- Measures under Objective 8 allow compliance through “active engagement”:
 - Registration of intent (DPH.HL7ICARE@illinois.gov, since the MURS site is still down)
 - If you need to register for immunization registry or other state registries, you need to complete a spreadsheet and send it to the email above
 - To receive the spreadsheet, please reach out to us
 - Testing and validation (connecting CEHRT with ICARE)
 - Production (fully connected to ICARE)
- To pass immunization registry measure through production or testing/validation, ICARE must provide verification of bi-directional connection
- Measure may still be met through registration of intent (even if CEHRT was in production or testing/validation without bi-directionality for Stage 2)



Document Upload

- Pre-payment audit will still require documents supporting patient volume and confirmation of active engagement with public health reporting
- Illinois registry confirmation letters must be uploaded. You will need to email the registry to receive your confirmation letter:
 - ICARE (must confirm bi-directionality)- DPH.HL7ICARE@Illinois.gov
 - Prescription Monitoring Program- jennifer.erickson@illinois.gov
 - Syndromic Surveillance- Stacey.hoferka@illinois.gov
 - Cancer Registry- DPH.ISCRREP@Illinois.gov
 - Case Reporting- Stacey.hoferka@illinois.gov
 - For registries other than those sponsored by Illinois, contact your representative directly
- Program year 2021 will still require upload of SRA if it is completed by attestation





Key Takeaways



Key Takeaways

- Attest early- Attestation deadline for 2021 is **August 31, 2021**
- Last 90-day reporting period is June 2- August 30, 2021
- SRA could be completed prior to attestation or you could attest that you will complete it by 12/31/21
- Monitor Stage 3 reports closely for Objectives 6 and 7
 - Meeting measures or qualifying for exclusions as needed
- Upload confirmation letters from registries you are actively engaged with



Q & A



Contact Us

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