

MU Meaningful Use

What is "Meaningful Use?"

Answer:

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 specifies three main components of Meaningful Use:

- The use of a certified EHR in a meaningful manner, such as e-prescribing.
- The use of certified EHR technology for electronic exchange of health information to improve quality of health care.
- The use of certified EHR technology to submit clinical quality and other measures

Simply put, "meaningful use" means providers need to show they're using certified EHR technology in ways that can be measured significantly in quality and in quantity.

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Answer:

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- **Medicaid EHR Incentive Program**—Eligible professionals and eligible hospitals may qualify for incentive payments if they adopt, implement, upgrade or demonstrate meaningful use in their first year of participation. They must successfully demonstrate meaningful use for subsequent participation years.
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Who is an Eligible Professional under the Medicare EHR Incentive Program?

Answer:

Eligible professionals under the Medicare EHR Incentive Program include:

- Doctor of medicine or osteopathy
- Doctor of dental surgery or dental medicine
- Doctor of podiatry
- Doctor of optometry
- Chiropractor

How can I use e-MD's to qualify for Meaningful Use Measures?

Answer:

We offer online sessions regarding how to use version 7.0 (ONC certified version) for the Core and Menu sets of Stage I objectives.

What are the requirements for Stage 1 of Meaningful Use (2011 and 2012)?

Answer:

Meaningful use includes both a core set and a menu set of objectives that are specific to eligible professionals or eligible hospitals and CAHs.

For eligible professionals, there are a total of 25 meaningful use objectives. To qualify for an incentive payment, 20 of these 25 objectives must be met.

- There are 15 required core objectives.
- The remaining 5 objectives may be chosen from the list of 10 menu set objectives.

For eligible hospitals and CAHs, there are a total of 24 meaningful use objectives. To qualify for an incentive payment, 19 of these 24 objectives must be met.

- There are 14 required core objectives.
- The remaining 5 objectives may be chosen from the list of 10 menu set objectives.