

BI-MONTHLY TIP ON MEANINGFUL USE

What Does Meaningful Use require for Public Health Reporting?

Modified Stage 2 of Meaningful use requires eligible professionals (EPs) to be in “active engagement” with a public health agency (PHA) to submit electronic public health data from CEHRT except where prohibited and in accordance with applicable law and practice.

The public health reporting objective for EPs includes three measures and for 2017 EPs must attest to at least two measures.

Measure 1- Immunization Registry Reporting

- The EP is in active engagement with a public health agency to submit immunization data
- Counts 1 time toward objective

Measure 2-Syndromic Surveillance Reporting

- The EP is in active engagement with a public health agency to submit syndromic surveillance data
- Counts 1 time toward objective

Measure 3- Specialized Registry Reporting

- The EP is in active engagement with a public health agency to submit data to a specialized registry
- May count 2 times for EPs toward objective

Exclusions:

There are multiple exclusions for the Public Health Objective listed on the [Medicaid Eligible Professional specification sheet](#) provided by CMS.

Things to consider in regard to exclusions:

- For EP’s an exclusion does not count toward the total of 2 measures.
- If an EP qualifies for multiple exclusions and the remaining number of measures available to the EP is less than two, the EP can meet the objective by meeting the one remaining measures available to them and claiming the applicable exclusions.
- Alternate exclusion no longer applies for program year 2017

What is “Active Engagement”?

Active engagement means that a provider is in the process of moving toward sending data generated through clinical processes involving patient care to a Public Health Agency or Clinical Data Registry. Test data, may also be submitted for the purposes of enrolling in and testing electronic data transfers.

Active engagement can be demonstrated in the following ways:

- **Option 1-Completed Registration to Submit Data:** The EP registered to submit data with the PHA or, where applicable, the CDR to which the information is being submitted; registration was completed within 60 days after the start of the EHR reporting period; and the EP is awaiting an invitation from the PHA or CDR to begin testing and validation.
 - Required documents: Participation agreement and relevant addendums
- **Option 2- Testing and Validation:** The EP is in the process of testing and validation of the electronic submission of data. Providers must respond to requests from the PHA or, where applicable, the CDR within 30 days; failure to respond twice within an EHR reporting period would result in that provider not meeting the measure.
 - Required documents: Participation agreement, relevant addendums, and Meaningful Use confirmation form from KHIE
- **Option 3- Production:** The EP has completed testing and validation of the electronic submission and is electronically submitting production data to the PHA or CDR.
 - Required documents: Participation agreement, relevant addendums, and Go-live Approval form from KHIE

Things to remember:

- Gather documents prior to the attestation. Signed agreements will need to be saved as a PDF for upload during attestation.
- For measures reported to the Kentucky Health Information Exchange (KHIE), you must have a signed Participation Agreement and the appropriate signed addendums on file with KHIE.
- Participation agreements and addendums must be signed within 60 days of the beginning of the EHR reporting period.
- For specialized registries, you must have documentation proving that you have registered and will be participating with the registry.
- If a provider does not give immunizations, they will need to make sure and be signed up for Syndromic Surveillance and a specialized registry OR 2 specialized registries.

Kentucky Health Information Exchange

KHIE is the public health authority for meaningful use reporting in Kentucky. KHIE has the following registries available to support several Public Health Reporting measures.

Measure	KHIE Supported Registry
Measure 1: Immunization Registry Reporting	Kentucky Immunization Registry
Measure 2: Syndromic Surveillance Reporting	CDC BioSense Syndromic Surveillance
Measure 3: Specialized Registry Reporting	Kentucky Cancer Registry (ONLY for EP's who diagnose and/or treat cancer patients) KHIE Advance Directive Registry

For more information on how to sign up with KHIE, please contact them at the Central office at (502) 564-7992.

You may also contact your Kentucky REC Health IT Advisor for information.

Resources:

[CMS Medicaid Eligible Professionals Public Health Reporting in 2017](#)

[CMS Medicaid Eligible Professionals Specification Sheet for Public Health 2017](#)

[KHIE 2017 Kentucky Public Health Guidance](#)