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In October 2015, CMS released the Meaningful Use Final Rule for years 2015-2017.

Stage 1 eligible professionals are now required to meet Objectives 3 and 4 to demonstrate Meaningful Use in 2015.

Stage 2 eligible professionals must take notice of changes in bold to Objectives 3 and 4.

To view a table of these two objectives and suggested documentation to comply with the rule, please visit crisphealth.org

Objective 3: Computerized Provider Order Entry (CPOE)

Objective 3 requires eligible professionals to use computerized provider order entry to record:

- (1) More than 60 percent of medication orders; and
- (2) More than 30 percent of laboratory orders; and
- (3) More than 30 percent of radiology orders they create during the EHR reporting period.

Providers scheduled to demonstrate Stage 1 in 2015 can choose to meet an alternate measure for the first measure of Objective 3. There are two alternate measures for measure one:

Alternate measure 1: requires eligible professionals to use computerized provider order entry to record at least one order, for more than 30 percent of all unique patients with medication in their medication list, seen by the eligible professional during the EHR reporting period.

Alternate measure 2: requires eligible professionals to use computerized provider order entry to record more than 30 percent of the medication orders they create during the EHR reporting period.

Providers scheduled to demonstrate Stage 1 in 2015 may claim exclusions for the second and third measure of Objective 3 because there were no equivalent measures in Stage 1.

Providers scheduled to demonstrate Stage 2 in 2015 must meet all three measures or may claim exclusion if they write fewer than 100 medication, laboratory, or radiology orders, respectively, during the EHR reporting period.

Objective 4: Electronic Prescribing (eRx)

Objective 4 requires eligible professionals to use their EHR to query for a drug formulary and transmit electronically **more than 50 percent of permissible prescriptions** they write during the EHR reporting period. **If using the function of their EHR to query a formulary is impossible or shows no results, the provider can still count the prescription in the numerator without taking any further actions to complete the query.**

Providers scheduled to demonstrate Stage 1 in 2015 can meet Objective 4 by satisfying an alternate measure that requires eligible professionals to use their EHR to transmit electronically more than 40 percent of all permissible prescriptions they write during the reporting time. Providers may claim exclusion from Objective 4 if they write fewer than 100 permissible prescriptions during the EHR reporting period; or there are no pharmacies that accept electronic prescriptions within 10 miles.

Providers scheduled to Stage 2 in 2015 must meet this measure or may claim exclusion if the eligible professional writes fewer than 100 permissible prescriptions during the EHR reporting period; or there are no pharmacies that accept electronic prescriptions within 10 miles.

A five-issue series will discuss the ten objectives that all eligible providers must meet for demonstrating Meaningful Use in 2015. This is the fourth of five issues.

To view more information regarding program requirements for 2015, please visit the CMS Meaningful Use website.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact our Meaningful Use Support team at 877-952-7477.

You can also email support@crisphealth.org.

The Maryland Medicaid EHR Incentive Registration and Attestation System, eMIPP, is currently offline. Providers can access and submit an attestation to the website beginning February 1, 2016.

The deadline for submitting a 2015 Medicaid attestation for both eligible professionals and hospitals is April 30, 2016.