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

As a result of the rule making, all public health reporting objectives are consolidated under one new objective: Public Health Reporting.

Maryland requires all eligible hospitals to select the public health reporting options based on order of precedence. Public health reporting options are: immunization registry reporting, syndromic surveillance reporting, electronic reportable laboratory results, and specialized registry reporting.

An eligible hospital must follow the order described below and register for the first reporting option that is applicable to their scope of practice. For example, if an eligible hospital administers vaccines and performs reportable laboratory results but does not have an emergency or urgent care department, they must register for immunization and electronic lab results and claim [exclusion](#) for syndromic surveillance. For 2015 only, if hospitals have already committed to a public health reporting option that is out of sequence, the hospital will be able to bypass the order.

Beginning around February 1, hospitals can access the new Public Health Web Tool via the [Meaningful Use Public Health website](#) to register their intent to meet or be excluded from public health reporting.

Objective 10: Public Health Reporting

Objective 10 requires eligible hospitals to be in “Active Engagement”* for three of the four available public health reporting options. The available options in 2015 are:

1. Immunization Registry
2. Syndromic Surveillance
3. Electronic Lab Results
4. Specialized registry administered by the Public Health Agency (Prescription Drug Monitoring Program)
5. Specialized registry administered by a non-public health agency entity

Stage 1, 2015	Stage 2, 2015
Must be in active engagement with at least two reporting options and may claim alternate exclusions for up to three reporting options.	Must be in active engagement with at least three reporting options and may claim alternate exclusion for Specialized Registry.
After claiming three exclusions, for the remaining one reporting option, the eligible hospital must either meet the active engagement criteria or the exclusion criteria to exempt from Objective 10.	After claiming an alternate exclusion, for the remaining three reporting options, the eligible hospital must either meet the active engagement criteria or the exclusion criteria to exempt from Objective 10.

*Active Engagement can be demonstrated by either: (1) completing registration to submit data; (2) testing and validation; or (3) production.

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