

Stage 1 Objective	Final Changes	Effective Year (CY/FY)
Use CPOE for medication orders directly entered by any licensed healthcare professional who can enter orders into the medical record per state, local and professional guidelines	Change: Addition of an alternative measure More than 30 percent of medication orders created by the EP or authorized providers of the eligible hospital's or CAH's inpatient or emergency department (POS 21 or 23) during the EHR reporting period are recorded using CPOE	2013 Onward (Optional)
Generate and transmit permissible prescriptions electronically (eRx)	Change: Addition of an additional exclusion Any EP who: does not have a pharmacy within their organization and there are no pharmacies that accept electronic prescriptions within 10 miles of the EP's practice location at the start of his/her EHR reporting period.	2013 – Onward (Required)
Record and chart changes in vital signs	Change: Addition of alternative age limitations More than 50 percent of all unique patients seen by the EP or admitted to the eligible hospital's or CAH's inpatient or emergency department (POS 21 or 23) during the EHR reporting period have blood pressure (for patients age 3 and over only) and height and weight (for all ages) recorded as structured data	2013 Only (Optional)
Record and chart changes in vital signs	Change: Addition of alternative exclusions Any EP who (1) Sees no patients 3 years or older is excluded from recording blood pressure; (2) Believes that all three vital signs of height, weight, and blood pressure have no relevance to their scope of practice is excluded from recording them; (3) Believes that height and weight are relevant to their scope of practice, but blood pressure is not, is excluded from recording blood pressure; or (4) Believes that blood pressure is relevant to their scope of practice, but height and weight are not, is excluded from recording height and weight.	2013 Only (Optional)

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Record and chart changes in vital signs	Change: Changing the age and splitting the EP exclusion Any EP who (1) Sees no patients 3 years or older is excluded from recording blood pressure; (2) Believes that all three vital signs of height, weight, and blood pressure have no relevance to their scope of practice is excluded from recording them; (3) Believes that height and weight are relevant to their scope of practice, but blood pressure is not, is excluded from recording blood pressure; or (4) Believes that blood pressure is relevant to their scope of practice, but height and weight are not, is excluded from recording height and weight.	2014 – Onward (Required)
Capability to exchange key clinical information (for example, problem list, medication list, medication allergies, and diagnostic test results), among providers of care and patient authorized entities electronically	Change: Objective is no longer required.	2013 – Onward (Required)
Report ambulatory (hospital) clinical quality measures to CMS or the states	Change: Objective is incorporated directly into the definition of a meaningful EHR user and eliminated as an objective under §495.6	2013 – Onward (Required)

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<p>EP and Hospital Objectives: Provide patients with an electronic copy of their health information (including diagnostics test results, problem list, medication lists, medication allergies, discharge summary, procedures) upon request.</p> <p>Hospital Objective: Provide patients with an electronic copy of their discharge instructions at time of discharge, upon request.</p> <p>EP Objective: Provide patients with timely electronic access to their health information (including lab results, problem list, medication lists, and allergies) within 4business days of the information being available to the EP.</p>	<p>Change: Replace these four objectives with the Stage 2 objective and one of the two Stage 2 measures.</p> <p>EP Objective: Provide patients the ability to view online, download, and transmit their health information within 4 business days of the information being available to the EP.</p> <p>EP Measure: More than 50 percent of all unique patients seen by the EP during the EHR reporting period are provided timely (within 4 business days after the information is available to the EP) online access to their health information subject to the EP's discretion to withhold certain information.</p> <p>Hospital Objective: Provide patients the ability to view online, download, and transmit information about a hospital admission.</p> <p>Hospital Measure: More than 50 percent of all patients who are discharged from the inpatient or emergency department (POS 21 or 23) of an eligible hospital or CAH have their information available online within 36 hours of discharge.</p>	2014 – Onward (Required)
Public Health Objectives:	Change: Addition of "except where prohibited" to the objective regulation text for the public health objectives under §495.6	2013 – Onward (Required)
Stage 1 Policy Changes		
Meeting an exclusion for a menu set objective counts towards the number of menu set objectives that must be satisfied to meet meaningful use	Meeting an exclusion for a menu set objective does not count towards the number of menu set objectives that must be satisfied to meet meaningful use.	2014 – Onward (Required)