



Program Year 2014 Meaningful Use Guidance for Kentucky Public Health Reporting and Attestation: Stage 1

Revised per CMS Flexibility Rule

On September 4, 2014, CMS published a final rule that permits 2014 EHR Incentive Program participants more options in the use of certified EHR technology (CEHRT) for the 2014 EHR reporting period. This rule, referred to as the CEHRT Flexibility Rule, becomes effective on October 1, 2014. As such, the Kentucky Medicaid Program has revised their policies to align with this rule.

Using the CEHRT Flexibility Rule, program participants who have not fully implemented 2014 CEHRT will have the option to attest to Program Year 2014 using 2013 or 2014 EHR Incentive Program objectives and measures.

2011 CEHRT

If you are scheduled to report Stage 1 or Stage 2:

- [2013 Stage 1 objectives](#) and [2013 CQMs](#)

Combination of 2011 & 2014 CEHRT

If you are scheduled to report Stage 1:

- [2013 Stage 1 objectives](#) and [2013 CQMs](#); or
- [2014 Stage 1 objectives](#) and [2014 CQMs](#)

If you are scheduled to report Stage 2:

- 2013 Stage 1 objectives and 2013 CQMs; or
- 2014 Stage 1 objectives and 2014 CQMs; or
- [Stage 2 objectives](#) and [2014 CQMs](#)

2014 CEHRT

If you are scheduled to report Stage 1:

- [2014 Stage 1 objectives](#) and [2014 CQMs](#)

If you are scheduled to report Stage 2:

- [Stage 2 objectives](#) and [2014 CQMs](#); or
- 2014 Stage 1 objectives and 2014 CQMs

Source: EHR Incentive Programs 2014 CEHRT Rule: Quick Guide

The Kentucky Health Information Exchange (KHIE) is the designated public health authority (PHA) for the state of Kentucky. KHIE provides support for the following Stage 1 meaningful use public health objectives:

- Capability to submit electronic data to the Kentucky Immunization Registry
- Capability to submit electronic data on reportable lab results to the Kentucky Department of Public Health (DPH)
- Capability to submit electronic syndromic surveillance data to CDC's cloud-based model, BioSense 2.0

In conjunction with the CMS CEHRT Flexibility Rule, Kentucky Medicaid has modified their EHR Incentive Program Rules to enable program participants to attest in Program Year 2014 while giving EHR vendors



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additional time to develop the requisite interfaces for public health reporting. The attestation guidance outlined below supersedes all previous guidance issued by Kentucky.

General Attestation Guidance

All eligible professionals (EPs), eligible hospitals (EHs), and critical access hospitals (CAHs) must have a signed Participation Agreement and signed addendum(s) on file with KHIE for each public health objective selected for attestation. This includes providers that attest YES to a public health measure and claim an exclusion. The addendums include: Immunization Registry Authorization, Syndromic Surveillance Authorization, and Disease Surveillance Authorization.

Your signed legal agreement(s) represent your registration of intent to submit electronic data and follow-up submission with the state of Kentucky, if the test is successful.

2014 EHR Incentive Program participants that attest using 2011 CEHRT or a combination of 2011 and 2014 CEHRT and/or claim an exclusion for public health reporting are responsible for ensuring they meet the qualifications and retain documentation that fully supports their attestation choice.

CMS EHR Incentive Program policies require participants to select at least one public health objective from the Meaningful Use menu set. Public health exclusions do not prevent participants from achieving Meaningful Use.

Program participants that administer immunizations and plan to attest to Stage 2 in Program Year 2015 will need to notify their regional outreach coordinator (OC) when they have fully implemented their 2014 CEHRT so that KHIE onboarding can be scheduled. *Do not wait until the last minute to start the onboarding process for public health reporting.*

Attestations using 2011 or a combination of 2011 and 2014 CEHRT

Program participants that administer immunizations can select the immunization public health reporting objective and claim YES to exclusion 2, as the 2011 and combination of 2011 and 2014 CEHRT do not adhere to the HL7 version supported by the Kentucky Immunization Registry. In accordance with CMS FAQ 8910, program participants in subsequent years of Stage 1 will not be required to submit a test message because additional action by the provider toward follow-up submission is not deemed beneficial.



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Attestations using 2014 CEHRT

Participants who are live on KHIE for public health data submission at the time of attestation must select YES to the public health reporting objective and upload the Go-Live Approval form to the Kentucky Medicaid EHR Incentive Program attestation website as proof for status. Do not claim any exclusions associated with the objective.