

## Modified Stage 2 Objective 10 – Public Health Reporting

Eligible professionals (EPs) **must attest to 2 Public Health options** for modified Stage 2 meaningful use. Provided below is an overview of the public health objective, measures, exclusions, alternate exclusions and the active engagement requirements.

### Exclusions

There are several [exclusion options](#) available for each measure. Exclusions do not count toward the total of 2 measures that must be met. In order to meet this objective an EP would need to meet 2 of the total number of measures. If the EP qualifies for multiple exclusions and the remaining number of measures available to the EP is less than 2, the EP can meet the objective by meeting the one remaining measure and claiming the applicable measure-specific exclusion criteria. If no measures remain available, the EP can meet the objective by claiming applicable measure-specific exclusion criteria.

### Alternate Exclusions in payment year 2016:

EPs who would have been scheduled to demonstrate **Stage 1** or **Stage 2** in 2016 can claim up to **2 alternate exclusions** for the public health **measures 2 or 3**. If the provider cannot meet a single measure they must be able to meet the measure-specific exclusion criteria for the remaining public health measures.

PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTING MEASURES	
<b><u>Measure 1</u></b>	Immunization Registry reporting: the EP is in active engagement with a public health agency to submit immunization data.
<b><u>Measure 2</u></b>	Syndromic Surveillance Reporting: The EP is in active engagement with a public health agency to submit syndromic surveillance data.
<b><u>Measure 3</u></b>	Specialized Registry Reporting: The EP is in active engagement to submit data to a specialized registry.

### Active Engagement

CMS defines **active engagement** as when a provider is in the process of moving towards sending “production data” to a Public Health Agency (PHA) or Clinical Data Registry (CDR) or is sending production data to a PHA or CDR and has applied the concept of “active engagement” to all public health measures.

EPs can demonstrate “active engagement” to meet public health measures by:  
**Active Engagement Option 1**–Completed Registration to Submit Data: The EP, Eligible Hospital, or CAH 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, eligible hospital, or CAH is awaiting an invitation from the PHA or CDR to begin testing and validation. This option allows providers to meet the measure when the PHA or the CDR has limited resources to initiate the testing and validation process. Providers that have registered in previous years do not need to submit an additional registration to meet this requirement for each EHR reporting period.

**Active Engagement Option 2** - Testing and Validation: The EP, eligible hospital, or CAH 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.

**Active Engagement Option 3** – Production: The EP, eligible hospital, or CAH has completed testing and validation of the electronic submission and is electronically submitting production data to the PHA or CDR.

## **CMS Resources**

[CMS Technical Specification Sheet](#)

[Public Health Reporting for EPs 2015-2017](#)