



### *Latest Information from CMS*

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## **Study from the Journal of General Internal Medicine Finds Higher Care Quality Linked with EHR Use**

Having trouble making up your mind about EHRs? In a new study published by the *Journal of General Internal Medicine* (JGIM), providers' use of EHRs was shown to lead to significantly higher care quality scores for certain health conditions compared to scores from providers using paper records. The study looked at the association between EHRs and ambulatory quality in a community-based setting, finding that EHR use led to:

- Increased appropriate hemoglobin A1c testing for patients with diabetes;
- Greater provider success in meeting quality measures for breast cancer screening;
- More providers meeting quality measures for chlamydia screening; and
- Increased number of providers meeting quality measures for colorectal cancer screening.

The study examined 2008 data, and looked at 262 physicians using paper charts and 204 physicians using EHRs, including information from 74,618 patients.

Register now for the Medicare and Medicaid EHR Incentive Programs so that you can receive an incentive payment. Visit the [Medicare and Medicaid EHR Incentive Programs website](#) for more information.

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## **CMS Posts 2014 Clinical Quality Measures, Electronic Specifications and Resources on Website**

Beginning in 2014, the reporting of clinical quality measures (CQMs) will change for all providers. Electronic Health Record (EHR) technology that has been certified to the 2014 standards and capabilities will contain new CQM criteria, and eligible professionals (EPs), eligible hospitals, and critical access hospitals (CAHs) will report using the new 2014 criteria regardless of whether they are participating in Stage 1 or Stage 2 of the Medicare and Medicaid EHR Incentive Programs.

The final 2014 CQMs for [eligible professionals](#) and [eligible hospitals](#) are now available, as well as the specifications for electronic reporting and access to the related value sets. These files can be accessed from the [2014 CMS Clinical Quality Measures webpage](#).

### Reporting Electronically in 2014

Beginning in 2014, all *Medicare* EPs and eligible hospitals beyond their first year of demonstrating meaningful use must electronically report their CQM data to CMS. Medicaid EPs and eligible hospitals that are eligible only for the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program will report their CQM data to their state.

### e-Specifications

The value sets of the electronic specifications code the CQMs in your EHR, allowing you to export the measure results and report them in attestation. EPs and eligible hospitals can view the value sets on the National Library of Medicine Value Set Authority Center (VSAC) [webpage](#).

### Resources for 2014 CQMs

To help providers navigate the new CQMs, CMS has developed and posted new resources, including:

- [Implementation Guide to the 2014 CQMs](#)
- Release Notes for [EPs](#) and [Eligible Hospitals](#)
- [CQM tipsheet](#).

### Want more information about the EHR Incentive Programs?

Make sure to visit the [Medicare and Medicaid EHR Incentive Programs website](#) for the latest news and updates on the EHR Incentive Programs.

## Contact Information

As always, anytime you have a question or need assistance, please feel free to contact us. We will get back to you as quickly as possible. Please be sure to include the provider's name and NPI when contacting us.

For questions relating to Meaningful Use (MU), send an email to [EHRMeaningfuluse.TennCare@tn.gov](mailto:EHRMeaningfuluse.TennCare@tn.gov)

For all other questions, send an email to [TennCare.EHRIncentive@tn.gov](mailto:TennCare.EHRIncentive@tn.gov)

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