

Modified Stage 2 Meaningful Use: Objective #4 – ePrescribing (eRx) Massachusetts Medicaid EHR Incentive Payment Program

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The attestation deadline for
Program Year 2015 is
August 14, 2016

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Electronic Prescribing (eRx)	
Objective	Generate and transmit permissible prescriptions electronically (eRx).
Measure	More than 50 percent of all permissible prescriptions written by the EP are queried for a drug formulary and transmitted electronically using CEHRT.
Alternate Measure	For Stage 1 providers in 2015, more than 40 percent of all permissible prescriptions written by the EP are transmitted electronically using CEHRT.
Exclusions	Any EP who: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Writes fewer than 100 permissible prescriptions during the EHR reporting period; or• Does not have a pharmacy within his or her organization and there are no pharmacies that accept electronic prescriptions within 10 miles of the EP's practice location at the start of his or her EHR reporting period.

What is MU Objective #4 all about?

ePrescribing (eRx) - Attestation Requirements

- **DENOMINATOR:** Number of permissible prescriptions written during the EHR reporting period for drugs requiring a prescription to be dispensed.
- **NUMERATOR:** The number of prescriptions in the denominator generated, queried for a drug formulary, and transmitted electronically using CEHRT.
- **THRESHOLD:** The resulting percentage must be more than 50% (or 40% for Stage 1 EPs) in order for an EP to meet this measure.
- **EXCLUSIONS:** Any EP who writes fewer than 100 permissible prescriptions during the EHR reporting period, or does not have a pharmacy within his or her organization and there are no pharmacies that accept electronic prescriptions within 10 miles of the EP's practice location at the start of his or her EHR reporting period.

What is MU Objective #4 all about?

ePrescribing (eRx) – Additional Information

- Can limit the measure of this objective to those patients whose records are maintained using CEHRT.
- Instances where patients specifically request a paper prescription may not be excluded from the denominator of this measure. The EP must include all prescriptions written during the EHR reporting period.
- EPs may choose to include prescriptions for controlled substances in their permissible prescriptions where feasible and allowable by state and local law.
- EPs who are part of an organization that owns or operates its own pharmacy within the 10 mile radius are not eligible for the exclusion, regardless of whether that pharmacy can accept electronic prescriptions.

Steps to meet MU Objective #4

1. Do the right thing



Generate and transmit permissible prescriptions electronically.

Meeting MU Objective #4

2. Ensure data is entered correctly



3. Ensure data is captured correctly

- Is there any “faulty logic” in the EHR?
 - i.e. if you uncheck a box on an apparently unrelated screen, does the EHR stop capturing eRx data correctly?

Meeting MU Objective #4

4. Ensure CEHRT can report the data correctly (EHR dashboard)
 - Test EHR reports (or regularly check EHR dashboard) to ensure accuracy

The screenshot displays the 'Meaningful Use dashboard' for Sophie Scheidlinger MD at Union Square Practice. The dashboard is filtered for the year 2015, Stage 1, Medicare, and a custom period from 10/3/2014 to 01/01/2015. The table below shows the status of various measures:

MEASURE	STATUS	GOAL	CURRENT	NUM/DEN	REPORT
1. CPOE for Medication Orders	1 to satisfy	>30%	0%	0/0	Included
<input checked="" type="radio"/> CPOE for Medication Orders	1 to satisfy	>30%	0%	0/0	Included
<input type="radio"/> CPOE for Medication Orders (Alternate)	1 to satisfy	>30%	0%	0/0	Included
2. Drug-Drug & Drug-Allergy Interaction Checks	Incomplete	n/a	Incomplete	n/a	Included
3. Maintain Problem List	1 to satisfy	>80%	0%	0/0	Excluded
4. e-Prescribing	Excluded	>40%	0%	0/0	Excluded
5. Active Medication List	1 to satisfy	>80%	0%	0/0	Included
6. Medication Allergy List	1 to satisfy	>80%	0%	0/0	Included
7. Record Demographics	1 to satisfy	>50%	0%	0/0	Included

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All measures are included in the attestation. To claim an exclusion for a measure, switch the toggle to Exclude, and select your exclusion reason.

MEASURE	STATUS	GOAL	CURRENT	NUM/DEN	REPORT
Drug Formulary Checks	Incomplete	n/a	incomplete	n/a	Included
Clinical Lab Test Results	1 to satisfy	>40%	0%	0/0	Included

5. Generate supporting documentation

An EHR-generated MU dashboard or report for the selected EHR reporting period that shows:

- EP's name
- Numerator
- Denominator
- Resulting percentage

6. Retain supporting documentation

- Attestation purposes vs. audit purposes

Attesting for MU Objective #4

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(*) Red asterisk indicates a required field.

Objective: Generate and transmit permissible prescriptions electronically (eRx).

Measure: More than 50 percent of all permissible prescriptions written by the EP are queried for a drug formulary and transmitted electronically using CEHRT.

* **PATIENT RECORDS:** Please select whether the data used to support the measure was extracted from ALL patient records or only from patient records maintained using Certified EHR Technology.

- This data was extracted from ALL patient records not just those maintained using Certified EHR Technology.
 This data was extracted only from patient records maintained using Certified EHR Technology.

EXCLUSION 1: Any EP who writes fewer than 100 permissible prescriptions during the EHR reporting period.

* Does this exclusion apply to you?

- Yes No

EXCLUSION 2: Does not have a pharmacy within his or her organization and there are no pharmacies that accept electronic prescriptions within 10 miles of the EP's practice location at the start of his or her EHR reporting period.

* Does this exclusion apply to you?

- Yes No

If the exclusions do not apply to you, complete the following information.

Numerator: The number of prescriptions in the denominator generated, queried for a drug formulary, and transmitted electronically using CEHRT.

Denominator: Number of permissible prescriptions written during the EHR reporting period for drugs requiring a prescription in order to be dispensed.

Numerator: **Denominator:**

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Common Issues

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- Drug formulary check was turned off, resulting in ePrescription not being captured by CEHRT
 - Previous separate MU objective (drug formulary check) has been rolled into Objective #4, so drug formulary checks are required in order to count eRx in the numerator for this measure
- In nursing home setting, EPs were required to use the facility's pharmacy which does not accept ePrescriptions
 - CMS rule: EPs who are part of an organization that owns or operates its own pharmacy within the 10 mile radius are *not eligible for the exclusion*, regardless of whether that pharmacy can accept electronic prescriptions
- Controlled substances can be included in numerator, where allowed by state and local laws

Questions?

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- [CMS 2015 Objectives and Measures – Table of Contents](#)
- [MeHI Medicaid EHR Incentive Program page](#)
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