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A Look at Meaningful Use Stage 3 and Beyond
Fact Sheet for Eligible Professionals, Eligible Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals

Meaningful Use Stage 3 and Beyond

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BACKGROUND ON MEANINGFUL USE

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and the Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT (ONC) developed programs that provide incentive payments to eligible professionals, eligible hospitals (EHs) and critical access hospitals (CAHs) when they use electronic health records (EHRs) to achieve specified improvements in care delivery. The goal of the incentive programs is to promote the "Meaningful Use" of EHRs—which means that providers must use EHRs to achieve "significant improvements in care."

Health care providers use a variety of EHR systems, and even in cases where providers are using the same EHR software, they may not be connected. Health information exchange (HIE) provides interoperability among EHRs and is an important component of Meaningful Use.
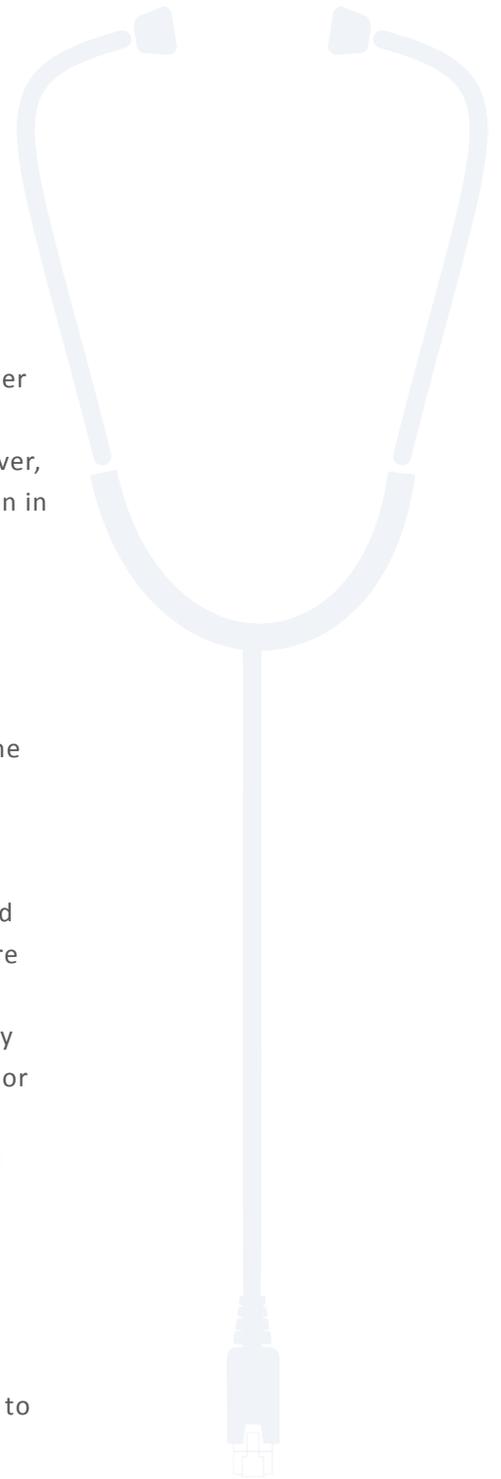
Each stage of Meaningful Use sets progressively higher requirements for interoperability and electronic exchange of health information. **This document addresses WISHIN's commitment to helping eligible professionals and organizations continue to meet health information exchange–related Meaningful Use requirements in Stage 3 and beyond.**

HIE-RELATED MEANINGFUL USE STAGE 3 DRAFT REQUIREMENTS

The ONC published draft requirements for Stage 3 Meaningful Use in November 2012. Below are a few of the draft requirements related specifically to health information exchange. These draft requirements are subject to change; however, WISHIN will continue to monitor and evaluate these requirements for inclusion in WISHIN products and services as more information becomes available.

- Eligible providers, eligible hospitals, or critical access hospitals that transition or refer patients to another setting of care (including home) or provider of care will provide a summary of care record for 65% of transitions of care and referrals (and at least 30% electronically).
- For referral results generated from the EHR, 50% must be returned to the requester and 10% of those must be returned electronically.
- The EH/CAH will send electronic notification of a significant healthcare event in a timely manner to key members of the patient's care team.
- For 10% of patients with a significant healthcare event, EH/CAH will send an electronic notification to at least one key member of the patient's care team within 2 hours of when the event occurs.
- Capability to electronically participate and send standardized, commonly formatted reports to a mandated jurisdictional registry in addition to prior requirements for immunization registry.
- Capability to electronically submit standardized reports to an additional registry beyond any prior meaningful use requirements.
- For patients transitioned without a care summary, an individual in the practice should query an outside entity.
- The EHR must be able to query another entity for outside records and respond to such queries.
- The EHR must be able to query a Provider Directory external to the EHR to obtain entity-level addressing information (e.g., push or pull addresses).

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