

DECLARATION OF READINESS

District of Columbia Public Health Reporting

The Department of Health Care Finance (DHCF) supports the exchange of data with health care providers consistent with programs such as the Promoting Interoperability (PI) program, previously known as the CMS Electronic Health Records (EHR) Incentive Payment Program.

This document includes consolidated information to help providers meet the PI program Public Health requirements and serves as DHCF's *declaration of readiness* for providers to exchange data with the DC Department of Health.

What is Active Engagement?

An Eligible Professional (EP) meets the PI Public Health Reporting requirement by achieving *active engagement*. Active engagement is when the EP is in the process of moving toward sending “production data” to a Public Health Agency (PHA) and Clinical Data Registry (CDR). EPs attest to public health reporting measures by demonstrating “active engagement” with a PHA or CDR.

Active Engagement can be demonstrated by submitting documentation that your organization has completed **any of the following three options**:

Demonstrating Active Engagement for Public Health Reporting
<p>Option 1: Completed Registration to Submit Data</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registration to submit data with the PHA or CDR was completed within 60 days after the start of the EHR reporting period <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providers who have registered in previous EHR reporting periods do not need to submit an additional registration • EP/EH/CAH is awaiting PHA or CDR invitation to begin testing and validation
<p>Option 2: Testing and Validation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EP/EH is in the process of testing and validation for electronic submission of data • EP/EH is required to respond to PHA or CDR requests within 30 days <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Failure to respond twice within an EHR reporting period results in the provider NOT meeting the measure
<p>Option 3: Operational and In-Production</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The EP/EH has completed testing and validation of the electronic submission and is electronically submitting production data (i.e., not test data) to the PHA or CDR.

Need additional Information?

For more information on the PI Public Health Reporting Objectives, Measures and Exclusions for EPs attesting to Modified Stage 2 or Stage 3, please visit the following CDC website:

- https://www.cdc.gov/ehrmeaningfuluse/docs/Summary_Modified_Stage2_and_3_EHR_MU_PH_EP_s_EH_s_2017_05_18.pdf

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Public Health Measures for EPs: EPs are required to attest to at least two measures from the three Public Health Reporting measures.

Modified Stage 2 Public Health Objectives

2017-2018 Modified Stage 2 Public Health Objective for EPs	DC Declaration of Readiness	Maximum Measure Counts for Objective
<p>Measure 1 - Immunization: DC Health is accepting data sent to the District of Columbia Immunization Information System (DOCIIS) electronically from certified EHRs at this time.</p> <p>Contact: Balijir Ezra <i>Manager, Assessment & Data Units, Immunization Community Health Administration (CHA)</i> Ezra.Balijir@dc.gov O: (202) 576-9303 M: (202) 641-8542</p>	Ready to Accept Data	1
<p>Measure 2 - Syndromic Surveillance: DC Health is not accepting data from EPs at this time.</p> <p>Contact: Sasha McGee, PhD, MPH <i>Senior Infectious Disease Epidemiologist Center for Policy, Planning, and Evaluation</i> Sasha.McGee@dc.gov O: (202) 442-9065 F: (202) 442-8060</p>	NOT Currently Accepting Data or Registrations	0
<p>Measure 3 - Specialized Registry: (Cancer) DC Health has identified Cancer Registry as a Specialized Registry and is accepting data electronically from certified EHRs at this time.</p> <p>Contact: Alfreda Woods, BS, CHES, CTR <i>Cancer Program Manager, DCCR Community Health Administration (CHA)</i> alfreda.woods@dc.gov O: (202) 442-9216 C: (202) 309-1340 F: (202) 442-9388</p>	Ready to Accept Data	1

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<p>Measure 3 - Specialized Registry: (PDMP) DC Health is not accepting data from EPs at this time.</p> <p>Contact: Shauna White, PharmD, RPh, MS <i>Executive Director – DC Board of Pharmacy Program Manager - Pharmaceutical Control Division Health Regulation and Licensing Administration</i> shauna.white@dc.gov O: (202) 442-9219 C: (202) 997-4947 F: (877) 862-4252</p>	<p>NOT Currently Accepting Data</p> <p><i>*Please note: While the PDMP registry is currently not accepting data at this time, EPs may still register with the PDMP registry for utilization purposes only.</i></p>	<p>0</p>
<p>Measure 3 - Specialized Registry: (Other than DC) DC Health has not identified any other Specialized Registries that are accepting data electronically from certified EHRs at this time.</p>	<p>NOT Currently Accepting Data or Registrations</p>	<p>0</p>
<p>Measure 3 – Specialized Registry: Your National Specialty Society Each provider must determine whether a national specialty society or other specialty society the provider is affiliated with sponsors a registry.</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>To be determined by each provider individually</p>

PI Public Health Reporting Exclusions

There are multiple exclusions for each of the public health reporting measures.

For EPs, an exclusion for a measure does not count toward the total of two measures. In order to meet this objective, an EP would need to meet two of the total number of measures available to them. (Available measures include ones for which the EP does not qualify for an exclusion.) If the EP qualifies for multiple exclusions and the remaining number of measures available to the EP is less than two, the EP can meet the objective by meeting the remaining measure available to them and claiming the applicable exclusions.

If no measures remain available, the EP can meet the objective by claiming applicable exclusions for all measures. For example:

Dr. Smith is a Primary Care Pediatrician and reports immunizations to the DC Immunization registry only and is unable to report to the other available registries either because they do not pertain to her practice, or it is not available for reporting in the District at the time. Therefore, since the remaining number of measures made available to Dr. Smith is less than two, Dr. Smith can meet the Public Health objective by only reporting to the Immunization registry and claiming the applicable exclusions for the others.

Please visit [Medicaid PI Program Modified Stage 2 Public Health Reporting specification sheet](#) for a complete list of PI Public Health Reporting Objectives, Measures and Exclusions for EPs attesting to Modified Stage 2.

Please visit [Medicaid PI Program Stage 3 Public Health Reporting specification sheet](#) for a complete list of PI Public Health Reporting Objectives, Measures and Exclusions for EPs attesting to Stage 3.

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