

Understanding Promoting Interoperability Requirements



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Promoting interoperability (PI) is worth 25% of your total MIPS score. You must complete 90-days of promoting interoperability using a 2015-edition certified EHR, like Eyefinity EHR 5.10 or later or ExamWRITER 15 or later.

Promoting interoperability has changed in 2019. There are no longer base and performance scores; but rather, there is one set of measures that you must report. You must report the required measures satisfactorily to receive a PI score. You may report optional measures to move your PI score closer to 100%.

Objective	Measure	Req'd/Optional	Max Points
Security	Security Risk Analysis	Required	0
e-Prescribing	e-Prescribing	Required	10
	Query of Prescription Drug Monitoring Program	Optional	5 bonus
	Verify Opioid Treatment Agreement	Optional	5 bonus
Health Information Exchange	Support Electronic Referral Loops by Sending Health Information	Required	20
	Support Electronic Referral Loops by Receiving and Incorporating Health Information	Required	20
Provider to Patient Exchange	Provide Patients Electronic Access to Their Health Information	Required	40
Public Health and Clinical Data Exchange	Immunization Registry Reporting	Required to choose two	10
	Electronic Case Reporting		
	Public Health Registry Reporting		
	Clinical Data Registry Reporting		
	Syndromic Surveillance Reporting		



Meeting the Certified EHR Requirement

Starting in 2019, you must complete your promoting interoperability using a 2015-edition certified EHR. This may require that you update your EHR software to a 2015-edition certified version. You may also be required to update other software components that meet the 2015-edition criteria. The following Eyefinity products are 2015-edition certified EHRs:

- Eyefinity EHR 5.10 or later
- ExamWRITER 15 or later

The 2015-edition EHR software and components must be installed and operational prior to the beginning of your PI performance period and remain in place throughout the entire performance period.

Understanding Measure Scoring

CMS has simplified the scoring of the promoting interoperability category.

Each measure will be scored by multiplying the performance rate (calculated from the numerator and denominator you submit) by the available points for the measure.

The Public Health and Clinical Data Exchange measures will be awarded full points if a “yes” is submitted for two registries or one “yes” and one exclusion.

NOTES

- If you fail to submit a numerator of at least one (or claim an exclusion) for any required measure, you will receive a zero for the entire promoting interoperability category.
- If you claim an exclusion, the points for excluded measures will be reallocated to other measures.

Understanding Hardship Exceptions

You or your group may submit a Promoting Interoperability Hardship Exception Application, citing one of the following reasons for review and approval:

- You’re in a small practice
- You’re using decertified EHR technology
- You have insufficient Internet connectivity
- You experienced extreme and uncontrollable circumstances
- You lack control over the availability of certified EHR

If your hardship exception is approved, your promoting interoperability will be removed from your MIPS score calculations and the 25% will be reallocated to the quality category.