



## The EHR Worksheet

**STEP 1: Ensure the EHR is the right system for your practice and can meet the 2017-18 requirements, ask your EHR vendor the following questions:**

1. Will the EHR be "2015 certified" by January 2018? Yes No
2. \*Is the software cloud-based or required to be installed in your office? Yes No
3. Is the EHR compatible with existing testing equipment in your practice? Yes No
4. Will the EHR be easy for staff to learn? Yes No
5. Will the EHR easily migrate data from your existing software programs? Yes No
6. Does the EHR easily integrate into your offices work flow?  
For example if you do exams, Xrays, and testing in multiple rooms, will you have access to all your patients data at any computer workstation? Yes No
7. Will the EHR be compatible with changing technology and allow you and your staff to access patient data from outside sources such as digital X-ray, MRI, etc. Yes No

\* Current industry trends are towards cloud-based EHRs. They provide greater flexibility with access, are more easily deployed, updated and supported, and require less investment in internal hardware needs and IT services.

You will need a minimum of 6 quality measures to report on in 2017, with 1 being a CMS recognized outcomes measure and a CMS recognized priority measure. eChiroEHR suggests you choose up to eight quality measures, so you can report on the best of six.

When making the decisions on what quality measures we are choosing to report, here are some things to consider:

- a) If you reported in the prior year, review which measure you reported on to determine if you will report on any of those measures in 2017.
- b) Consider all of your patient types. Example: If your clinic performs DOT physicals, you may want to consider selecting Quality Measures that also fit into the requirements of a DOT Physical. If not, these patients could be used against you in your reporting. Other patients to consider school physicals, pre-employment physicals, nutritional counseling, weight loss programs, health and wellness exams, etc. Make sure the quality measures you choose make sense for all of your patient types.



- c) Review the “measure specification” found on the CMS website ([Establish](#) a link) for each measure you choose to ensure there are no changes from the prior year AND you are fulfilling all the criteria established for that measure.
- d) Review the “benchmark” found on the measure specification to see if you can hit that benchmark in 2017. Measures “top out” making it difficult to hit the mark to get receive the benefit of successfully reporting the measure. If you do not reach the benchmark you will not successfully report on that measure. Thus the reason BPA is suggesting reporting on 8 measures and choosing your best 6.
- e) Will you be able to establish an efficient patient flow for the measures you are choosing to report on? For most measures, you will be performing most of these measures on every patient the first day of the reporting period. The first day this can be very cumbersome but is less demanding as the reporting period progresses. Many measures are reported 1 time per reporting period. Example: if you choose to report on blood pressure screening, you will be taking every patient’s blood pressure that qualifies for the age group you are choosing to report on.
- f) Does your EHR provide the clinical documentation to support that you did the measures you are reporting on? In other words, if audited, can you prove you that you actually did the what you reported on in your clinical documentation?
- g) Are you able to establish an efficient clinic work flow to report on these measures?

- What certified quality measures does the EHR have available to report on under MIPS? Are these within your scope of practice to perform?

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- Which certified CMS defined outcomes measures do you have to choose from?

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- Which certified priority measures do you have to choose from?

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- Is the EHR able to calculate an accurate numerator and a denominator for each certified measure? Yes No

- Do the certified quality measures, the EHR has available, seem to make sense for the way you practice? Yes No



- Is the EHR able to allow direct transfer from your EHR into a Qualified Clinical Data Registry (QCDR) in 2017? Yes No

8. For Improvement Activities (IA) you will need to report 1 high priority or 2 medium priority measures in 2017.

- What certified medium priority measures for Improvements Activities does your EHR have available for 2017.

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- What certified high priority measures for Improvements Activities does your EHR have available for 2017.

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9. For Advancing care information, you will need a Secure Direct (email) Address from your EHR to the patient's Primary Care Provider (PCP).

- How do you obtain a Secure Direct Address?

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- How do they track the patient's PCP?

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- Can the patient not allow their information to go to their PCP?

Yes No

- How do you make that happen? \_\_\_\_\_

- How do you ensure that the information is sent to the PCP?



10. Does your EHR allow reporting through a Qualified Clinical Data Registry (QCDR)?  
Yes No

- If yes, which one? \_\_\_\_\_
- Who administers it? \_\_\_\_\_
- Can you choose to report through any QCDR you choose? Yes No

11. I will be checking the certified measures available on the Office of National Coordinators (ONC) website. How is the EHR system registered on the ONC website by the current Name, Number or a different name?

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**STEP 2: Go to [Office of National Coordinator \(ONC\) website](#). Check to see if everything that the EHR company told you are “certified” and ready to report on is accurate.**

1. Print off which Quality measures are ONC certified and approved to report on.
  - Which CMS recognized outcomes measures are certified and ready to report on?
  - Which CMS priority measures are certified and ready to report on?
2. Print off which IA are ONC certified and approved to report on.
3. Print off ACI certified requirements from ONC website and approved to report on.

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