Florida’s Medicaid EHR Incentive Program

Understanding Public Health Reporting Requirements

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Program Year (PY) 16 is the Last Year to Begin Program Participation
Public Health Reporting

• All Eligible Professionals (EPs) in PY16 must meet two measures or meet fewer and exclude from the rest

• May claim an Alternate Exclusion for Measure 2 or Measure 3
  – An Alternate Exclusion may be claimed for up to two measures, then the provider must either attest to or meet the exclusion requirements for the remaining measure

• EPs must register within 60 days of the start of their Electronic Health Record (EHR) reporting period unless they registered for a previous reporting period
## Public Health Reporting Measures

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Active Engagement

Completed Registration to Submit Data
- EP has registered to submit data. Registration was completed within 60 days after the start of the EHR reporting period and the provider is awaiting an invitation to begin testing and validation.

Testing and Validation
- EP is in the process of testing and validation of the electronic submission of data. Providers must respond to requests from the sponsor of the registry within 30 days; failure to respond twice within an EHR reporting period would result in the EP not meeting the measure.

Production
- EP has completed testing and validation of the electronic submission and is electronically submitting production data.
# Public Health Reporting Exclusions

## Exclusions for Measure 1
- Does not administer any immunizations to any of the populations for which data is collected by its jurisdiction's immunization registry or immunization information system during the EHR reporting period;

- Operates in a jurisdiction for which no immunization registry or immunization information system is capable of accepting the specific standards required to meet the Certified Electronic Health Record Technology (CEHRT) definition at the start of the EHR reporting period; or

- Operates in a jurisdiction where no immunization registry or immunization information system has declared readiness to receive immunization data from the EP at the start of the EHR reporting period.

## Exclusions for Measure 2
- Is not in a category of providers from which ambulatory syndromic surveillance data is collected by their jurisdiction's syndromic surveillance system;

- Operates in a jurisdiction for which no public health agency is capable of receiving electronic syndromic surveillance data from EPs in the specific standards required to meet the CEHRT definition at the start of the EHR reporting period; or

- Operates in a jurisdiction where no public health agency has declared readiness to receive syndromic surveillance data from EPs at the start of the EHR reporting period.

## Exclusions for Measure 3
- Does not diagnose or treat any disease or condition associated with, or collect relevant data that is collected by, a specialized data registry in their jurisdiction during the EHR reporting period;

- Operates in a jurisdiction for which no specialized registry is capable of accepting electronic registry transactions in the specific standards required to meet the CEHRT definition at the start of the EHR reporting period; or

- Operates in a jurisdiction where no specialized registry for which the EP is eligible has declared readiness to receive electronic registry transactions at the beginning of the EHR reporting period.
Florida’s Specialized Registries

• The Florida Cancer Registry can accept electronic reporting for providers who diagnose or treat cancer

• Florida’s Prescription Drug Monitoring Program has a specialized registry, E-FORCSE
  – Providers who dispense controlled substances to patients ages 16 and older are required to electronically report
  – Providers who prescribe controlled substances to patients ages 16 and older can register and search the database prior to prescribing a controlled substance

• CMS has approved the searching for a patient prior to prescribing as meeting the specialized registry measure
Specialized Registry Reporting

• Identification
  – Determine if the jurisdiction (state, territory, etc.) endorses or sponsors a registry; and
  – Determine if a National Specialty Society or other specialty society with which the provider is affiliated endorses or sponsors a registry
  – If neither has a registry the provider can report, an exclusion can be claimed

• Reporting
  – Specialty societies with specialized registries can dictate the method in which they receive the data
  – The data must be generated from the CEHRT
Public Health Reporting FAQs

• CMS TipSheet

• What counts as a specialized registry, see FAQ #13653

• Whether there is a specialized registry available or if an exclusion should be claimed, see FAQ #13657

• Whether to report as part of a group or claim an exclusion, see FAQ #3369

• What alternate exclusions are available in 2016, see FAQ #15881 and FAQ #14397
Florida Registry Links

Cancer Registry
http://fcds.med.miami.edu/inc/welcome.shtml

E-FORCSE

Florida SHOTS
https://www.flshots.com/
When Submitting Your Application

• Remember to upload:
  – Documentation of 2014 or 2015 CEHRT
  – Patient Volume Report
  – Encounter Report for EHR Reporting Period
  – Meaningful Use Report – including Clinical Quality Measures (CQMs)
  – Security Risk Assessment Report including Asset Inventory
  – Additional Documentation Form
  – For Public Health Reporting
    • Documentation of active engagement OR
    • Details on the Additional Documentation form supporting exclusions other than alternate exclusions
  – Additional Documentation, as applicable:
    • PA-Led Attestation
    • Medical Record for Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioners (if not billing Medicaid directly)

• Clearly Label Uploads

• Maintain Documentation
Additional Contacts and Resources


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