

Frequently Asked Questions

This FAQ provides answers to basic questions about Cancer Reporting for Medicare and Medicaid Promoting Interoperability (PI) (formerly Meaningful Use EHR Incentive Program). We encourage you to visit the web pages listed below to fully understand this program.

What is Promoting Interoperability?

PI is a program offered by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) that provides incentives to eligible hospitals and professionals. Specific information can be found here:

<https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/EHRIncentivePrograms/Basics.html>

Where can I find Clinical Document Architecture (CDA) specifications for cancer reporting?

They are published through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Implementation Guide for Ambulatory Healthcare Provider Reporting to Central Cancer Registries:

http://www.hl7.org/implement/standards/product_brief.cfm?product_id=398

What is an Eligible Professional?

An Eligible Professional (EP) is a term defined by CMS for individual practitioners who qualify for the Meaningful Use incentive program. The criteria are published on the CMS website, link below. The UCR reporting requirements apply to private physicians who diagnosis and/or treat cancer patients. Private physicians may qualify as an Eligible Professional, but this is determined by CMS and not UCR: <https://www.cdc.gov/EHRmeaningfuluse/index.html> and <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/EHRIncentivePrograms/index.html>

Can I begin cancer reporting if I have not successfully achieved previous MU stages?

Please refer to the CMS website for details: <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/EHRIncentivePrograms/index.html>

How do I register intent to submit cancer data for PI (formerly MU)?

Visit the Utah Department of Health's website at <http://health.utah.gov/meaningfuluse/> and complete the registration form.

How does PI registration apply to individual physicians not a part of a group practice?

If you are an individual physician who is not coordinating PI (formerly MU) reporting with a larger group practice, you will need to register through the Utah Department of Health website:

<http://health.utah.gov/meaningfuluse/> Fill out all the information and UCR will email you with further instructions.

How does PI registration apply to group practices?

For physicians who belong to a single group practice, under which all PI activities are coordinated, it is recommended that a single person from the practice serve as the primary PI administrator and

contact representative. This administrator will register all EPs under the practice name in a single registration session and will provide a single group NPI during the registration process. If your practice has more than one group NPI, please enter just one group NPI during registration.

<http://health.utah.gov/meaningfuluse/>

What if I am a hospital-based physician and I want to report my cases via CDA messages?

CMS publishes strict guidelines on the MU incentive qualifications for physicians who practice in a hospital setting. While you may not qualify for CMS incentives under PI EP guidelines, we will still accept CDA messages from any private physician who elects to report using this method. Please note that if you are a hospital-based physician who diagnosis and/or treats cancer patients, the hospital facility is already reporting these cases to the cancer registry.

If multiple eligible professionals (EPs) are using the same certified EHR technology across several physical locations, can a single test or onboarding effort serve to meet the measures of these objectives?

Yes. Providers that are registered under the same practice/organization from which the same EHR technology is shared can conduct on test that covers all providers registered. For example, if a large group of EPs with multiple physical locations use the same EHR technology and those locations are connected using a network that the group has either operational control of or license to use, then a single test would cover all EPs in that group.