

Measure Information Form

Measure Set: Web-based Measures

Measure ID #: OP-12

Performance Measure Name: The Ability for Providers with HIT to Receive Laboratory Data Electronically Directly into their ONC Certified EHR System as Discrete Searchable Data

Description: Documents the extent to which a provider uses an Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) certified electronic health record (EHR) system that incorporates an electronic data interchange with one or more laboratories allowing for direct electronic transmission of laboratory data in the EHR as discrete searchable data elements. This measure applies to all outpatient departments associated with the facility that bill under the Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS). This may include the emergency department (ED), the outpatient imaging department, the outpatient surgery department, and the facility's clinics.

Measure ascertains response to the following question(s):

- Does/did your facility have the ability to receive laboratory data electronically directly into your ONC certified EHR system as discrete searchable data? Yes/No
- Did your facility use this feature during the performance period? Yes/No*

*This question would be answered only if the previous question was answered "yes."

Annual data submission period: See the timeline posted to QualityNet.org for this measure; select Hospitals-Outpatient and then Data Submission in the drop-down menu.

Data entry will be achieved through the secure side of QualityNet.org via an online tool available to authorized users.

Definition for ONC Certified EHR System: An electronic health record system that has been certified according to the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) criteria. Refer to the HHS website for additional information:
http://healthit.hhs.gov/portal/server.pt/community/healthit_hhs_gov_regulations_and_guidance/1496

Definition for Ability to Receive Data Electronically: Incorporate laboratory test results into EHR technology as structured data. This includes:

- (1) Receive results. Electronically receive clinical laboratory test results in a structured format and display such results in human readable format.
- (2) Display test report information.
- (3) Incorporate results. Electronically attribute, associate, or link a laboratory test result to a laboratory order or patient record.

Definition for Human Readable Format: A format that enables a human to read and easily comprehend the information presented to him or her regardless of the method of presentation (e.g., computer screen, handheld device, electronic document).