

## Measure Information Form

**Measure Set:** Web-based Measures

**Measure ID #:** OP-17

**Performance Measure Name:** Tracking Clinical Results Between Visits

**Description:** The extent to which a provider uses an Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) certified electronic health record (EHR) system to track pending laboratory tests, diagnostic studies (including common preventive screenings), or patient referrals. 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 track pending laboratory tests, diagnostic studies (including common preventive screenings), or patient referrals through the ONC certified EHR system? Yes/No
- Did your facility use the ONC certified EHR to track pending laboratory tests, diagnostic studies (including common preventive screenings), or patient referrals 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](http://healthit.hhs.gov/portal/server.pt/community/healthit_hhs_gov_regulations_and_guidance/1496)

**Definition for Referral:** The act of requesting treatment or advice on treatment/management from an additional provider.

**Definition for Reminders:** A method of reminding oneself or others of an impending required action. In clinical documentation, this is typically an electronic reminder for follow-up, and it is distinct from an alert, for which immediate action is required or an action is contraindicated.