Updated Declaration of Readiness for the National Health Care Surveys

This declaration of readiness is responsive to regulations regarding the Merit-Based Incentive Payment System (MIPS); EHR Incentive Programs (Meaningful Use) Modified Stage 2 & Stage 3; and ONC 2015 Edition for Health IT Certification Criterion § 170.315(f)(7) Transmission to public health agencies—health care surveys.

The National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) will accept National Health Care Surveys data from Eligible Clinicians (ECs), Eligible Professionals (EPs), Eligible Hospitals (EHs) and Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs) in fulfillment of the MIPS and Meaningful Use Stage 2 Programs Objective 10: Public Health Reporting, Measure 3: Specialized Registry Reporting through calendar year 2018; and Stage 3 Objective 8: Public Health and Clinical Data Registry Reporting, Measure 4: Public Health Registry Reporting beginning January 1, 2018.

Until December 31, 2018 one of the following formats are required to generate and transmit data to NCHS for Measure 3: Specialized Registry Reporting or Measure 4: Public Health Registry Reporting:

1. HL7 CDA® documents, as described one of the following DSTU Implementation Guides for the National Health Care Surveys: Release 1, Release 1.1 or Release 1.2 (preferred), available from www.hl7.org. (Note that Release 1.2 will be accepted beyond December 31, 2018 as well.)

2. CDA documents, including Continuity of Care Documents (CCDs), Discharge Summaries, and Transfer Summaries, produced by Certified Electronic Health Record Technology (CEHRT) informed by one of the following implementation guides (IG) available from www.hl7.org:

   HL7 IG for CDA® Release 2: IHE Health Story Consolidation, DSTU Release 1.1 (US Realm) July 2012.

   HL7 IG for CDA® Release 2: Consolidated CDA Templates for Clinical Notes (US Realm) DSTU Release 2, November 2014.

   HL7 IG for CDA® Release 2: Consolidated CDA Templates for Clinical Notes DSTU Release 2.1, August 2015.

3. A custom extract built to include data elements as specified in the National Health Care Surveys Data Elements list, available from NCHS.

After December 31, 2018 the format required to generate and transmit data to NCHS for Measure 4: Public Health Registry Reporting will be HL7 CDA® R2 Implementation Guide: National Health Care Surveys, DSTU Release 1.2 – US Realm, August 2016, available from www.hl7.org.

Note: Providers and clinicians using CEHRT products certified to HL7 CDA® R2 Implementation Guide: National Health Care Surveys, DSTU Release 1 (Release 1 is an earlier release than the latest Release 1.2 of the IG) may continue to do so. For more information, please reference the ONC Health IT Certification Program § 170.315(f)(7) Transmission to public health agencies—health care surveys certification companion guide at : https://www.healthit.gov/sites/default/files/2015Ed_CCG_f7-Trans-PHA-health-care-surveys.pdf. Additional information about the ONC Health IT Certification Program can be accessed at www.healthit.gov/certification.

To register intent to submit data to NCHS, please email NCHSMUInfo@cdc.gov.

For more information on the National Health Care Surveys Registry, please visit https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/dhcs/meaningful_use.htm.