

Medicare Promoting Interoperability PROGRAM

2022 MEDICARE PROMOTING INTEROPERABILITY PROGRAM FOR ELIGIBLE HOSPITALS AND CRITICAL ACCESS HOSPITALS

Electronic Prescribing Objective Fact Sheet

On August 13, 2021, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) published the [Fiscal Year 2022 Medicare Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment System for Acute Care Hospitals and Long-term Care Hospital Prospective Payment System Final Rule](#). In the rule, CMS continued its focus on the advancement of certified electronic health record technology (CEHRT) utilization, and improving interoperability and patient access to health information for the Medicare Promoting Interoperability Program for eligible hospitals and critical access hospitals (CAHs). We finalized changes to the Electronic Prescribing objective.

The information included in this fact sheet pertains to the Electronic Prescribing objective for the Medicare Promoting Interoperability Program in calendar year (CY) 2022.

Electronic Prescribing Objective: Generate and transmit permissible discharge prescriptions electronically.

Required Measure

Measure 1: E-Prescribing

- **Measure description:** For at least one hospital discharge, medication orders for permissible prescriptions (for new and changed prescriptions) are queried for a drug formulary and transmitted electronically using CEHRT.
- **Exclusion:** Any eligible hospital or CAH that does not have an internal pharmacy that can accept electronic prescriptions and there are no pharmacies that accept electronic prescriptions within 10 miles at the start of their electronic health record (EHR) reporting period.
- **Maximum points available for this measure:** 10 points.
 - If the exclusion is claimed, the 10 points will be redistributed to the Health Information Exchange objective.



Bonus Measure

Bonus Measure: Query of Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP)

- **Measure description:** For at least one Schedule II opioid electronically prescribed using CEHRT during the EHR reporting period, the eligible hospital or CAH uses data from CEHRT to conduct a query of a PDMP for prescription drug history, except where prohibited and in accordance with applicable law.
- **Yes/No Attestation:** The eligible hospital or CAH must attest “Yes” to conducting a query of PDMP for prescription drug history.
- **Points available for this measure:** 10 bonus points.

Scoring

Objective	Measures	Maximum Points Available in CY 2022	CY 2022 Exclusion Available
Electronic Prescribing	e-Prescribing	10 points	Yes
	Bonus: Query of Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP)	10 bonus points	No

Additional Resources

For more information on the Electronic Prescribing objective and other Medicare program requirements for 2022, visit:

- [Promoting Interoperability Programs Landing page](#)
- [Scoring, Payment Adjustment, and Hardship Information webpage](#)
- [2022 Medicare Promoting Interoperability Program Specification Sheets](#)