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Review Final Rule to Determine Your CEHRT Participation Options for Program Year 2014

Today, CMS released a [final rule](#) that allows providers participating in the EHR Incentive Programs to use the 2011 Edition of certified electronic health record technology (CEHRT) for calendar and fiscal year 2014.

The rule grants flexibility to providers who are unable to fully implement 2014 Edition CEHRT for an EHR reporting period in 2014 due to delays in 2014 CEHRT availability. Providers may now use EHRs that have been certified under the 2011 Edition, a combination of the 2011 and 2014 Editions, or the 2014 Edition for 2014 participation.

Beginning in 2015, all eligible providers **will be required** to report using 2014 Edition CEHRT.

2014 Participation Options

Under the rule, providers are able to use 2011 Edition CEHRT, and have the option to attest to the 2013 Stage 1 meaningful use objectives and the 2013 definition CQMs.

2011 CEHRT

Providers scheduled to meet Stage 1 or Stage 2:

- [2013 Stage 1 objectives](#) and [2013 CQMs](#)

Combination of 2011 & 2014 CEHRT

Providers scheduled to meet Stage 1:

- 2013 Stage 1 objectives and 2013 CQMs; **or**
- [2014 Stage 1 objectives](#) and [2014 CQMs](#)

Providers scheduled to meet Stage 2:

- 2013 Stage 1 objectives and 2013 CQMs; **or**
- 2014 Stage 1 objectives and 2014 CQMs; **or**
- [2014 Stage 2 objectives](#) and 2014 CQMs

2014 CEHRT

Providers scheduled to meet Stage 1:

- 2014 Stage 1 objectives and 2014 CQMs

Providers scheduled to meet Stage 2:

- 2014 Stage 1 objectives and 2014 CQMs; **or**
- 2014 Stage 2 objectives and 2014 CQMs

CEHRT Flexibility Resources

To help the public understand the final rule's changes to 2014 participation, CMS has developed the following resources:

- [CEHRT Interactive Decision Tool](#) – providers answer a few questions about their current stage of meaningful use and Edition of EHR certification, and the tool displays the corresponding 2014 options.
- [2014 CEHRT Flexibility Chart](#) – chart provides a visual overview of CEHRT participation options for 2014.
- [2014 CEHRT Rule Quick Guide](#) – guide provides corresponding resources based on the option a provider chooses to participate in the EHR Incentive Programs in 2014.

Extending Stage 2

The rule also finalizes CMS and ONC's [recommended timeline](#) to extend Stage 2 through 2016. The earliest a provider can participate in Stage 3 of meaningful use is now 2017.

For More Information

Visit the CMS Newsroom to read the [press release](#) about the final rule. For more EHR Incentive Programs resources, visit the [CMS EHR website](#).



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