

based on the provider selection of the objectives and measures for their demonstration of meaningful use in 2017. Both the EHR technology certified to the 2014 Edition and the EHR technology certified to the 2015 Edition will support attestations for Stage 1 or Stage 2 in 2017. In addition, the development and certification process for EHR technology products is not dependent on this selection by individual providers. Therefore, we do not expect that this policy would affect the availability of EHR technology certified to the 2015 Edition in 2017 or the ability of an individual provider to implement EHR technology certified to the 2015 Edition during the year regardless of which stage they choose for their EHR reporting period in 2017. Therefore, we are proposing in section II.A.2.b. that all providers would be required to use EHR technology certified to the 2015 Edition for a full calendar year for the EHR reporting period in 2018. The revised timeline based on these proposals is outlined in Table 3.

**TABLE 3: STAGE OF MEANINGFUL USE CRITERIA
BY FIRST YEAR**

First Year as a Meaningful EHR User	Stage of Meaningful Use										
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021 and future years
2011	1	1	1	2*	2	2	2 or 3	3	3	3	3
2012		1	1	2*	2	2	2 or 3	3	3	3	3
2013			1	1	2	2	2 or 3	3	3	3	3
2014				1	1	2	2 or 3	3	3	3	3
2015					1	1	1, 2 or 3	3	3	3	3
2016						1	1, 2 or 3	3	3	3	3
2017							1, 2 or 3	3	3	3	3
2018 and future years								3	3	3	3

*Please note, a provider scheduled to participate in Stage 2 in 2014, who instead elected to demonstrate stage 1 because of delays in availability of EHR technology certified to the 2014 Edition, is still considered a stage 2 provider in 2014 despite the alternate demonstration of meaningful use. In 2015, all such providers are considered to be participating in their second year of Stage 2 of meaningful use.