



Eligible Professional
Meaningful Use Core Measures
Measure 11 of 15
Stage 1
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Clinical Decision Support Rule

Objective	Implement one clinical decision support rule relevant to specialty or high clinical priority along with the ability to track compliance with that rule.
Measure	Implement one clinical decision support rule.
Exclusion	No exclusion.

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Definition of Terms

Clinical Decision Support – HIT functionality that builds upon the foundation of an EHR to provide persons involved in care processes with general and person-specific information, intelligently filtered and organized, at appropriate times, to enhance health and health care.

Attestation Requirements

YES / NO

Eligible professionals (EPs) must attest YES to having implemented one clinical decision support rule for the length of the reporting period to meet the measure.

Additional Information

- CMS will not issue additional guidance on the selection of appropriate clinical decision support rules for Stage 1 Meaningful Use. This determination is best left to the EP taking into account their workflow, patient population, and quality improvement efforts.
- Drug-drug and drug-allergy interaction alerts cannot be used to meet the meaningful use objective for implementing one clinical decision support rule. EPs must implement one clinical decision support rule in addition to drug-drug and drug-allergy interaction checks.

Related Meaningful Use FAQs

To see the FAQs, click the New ID # hyperlinks below, or visit the CMS FAQ web page at <https://questions.cms.gov/> and enter the New ID # into the Search Box, clicking the “FAQ #” option to view the answer to the FAQ. (Or you can enter the OLD # into the Search Box and click the “Text” option.)

- Can the drug-drug and drug-allergy interaction alerts of my EHR also be used to meet the meaningful use objective for implementing one clinical decision support rule?

[New ID #2783](#), [Old ID #10077](#)

Certification and Standards Criteria

Below is the corresponding certification and standards criteria for electronic health record technology that supports achieving the meaningful use of this objective.

Certification Criteria	
§170.304(e) Clinical decision support	(1) Implement rules. Implement automated, electronic clinical decision support rules (in addition to drug-drug and drug-allergy contraindication checking) based on the data elements included in: problem list; medication list; demographics; and laboratory test results. (2) Notifications. Automatically and electronically generate and indicate in real-time, notifications and care suggestions based upon clinical decision support rules.

Standards Criteria
N/A

Related Certification FAQs

Click on the green numbers to view the answer to the FAQ.

- Is an EP limited to demonstrating meaningful use in the exact way that EHR technology was tested and certified? Similarly, if the EHR technology was tested and certified with certain clinical decision support rules, are those the only clinical decision support rules an eligible health care provider is permitted to use when demonstrating meaningful use? [3-11-024-1](#)

