

Eligible Professional Meaningful Use Menu Set Measures Measure 2 of 6

Stage 2

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Electronic Notes	
Objective	Record electronic notes in patient records.
Measure	Enter at least one electronic progress note created, edited and signed by an EP for more than 30 percent of unique patients with at least one office visit during the EHR reporting period. The text of the electronic note must be text searchable and may contain drawings and other content
Exclusion	Any EP who has no office visits during the EHR reporting period.

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Definition of Terms

Electronic Notes – Defined as electronic progress notes. CMS will rely on providers own determinations and guidelines defining when progress notes are necessary to communicate individual patient circumstances and for coordination with previous documentation of patient observations, treatments and/or results in the electronic health record.

Attestation Requirements

DENOMINATOR /NUMERATOR/ THRESHOLD

- **DENOMINATOR:** Number of unique patients with at least one office visit during the EHR reporting period for EPs during the EHR reporting period.
- **NUMERATOR:** The number of unique patients in the denominator who have at least one electronic progress note from an eligible professional recorded as text searchable data.
- **THRESHOLD:** The resulting percentage must be more than 30 percent in order for an EP to meet this measure.
- **EXCLUSION:** Any EP who has no office visits during the EHR reporting period.



Additional Information

- Any EP as defined for the Medicare or Medicaid EHR Incentive Programs may author, edit, and provide an electronic signature for the electronic notes in order for them to be considered for this measure.
- An EP or authorized provider may author, edit and sign the note in any manner including dictation, conversion of written notes to text searchable notes, direct entry into the EHR or any other method as long as the end result is a text searchable note that is the information that the EP or authorized provider wanted to note.
- Non-searchable notes do not qualify, but this does not mean that all of the content has to be character text.
- Drawings and other content can be included with searchable text notes under this measure.
- In order to meet this objective and measure, an EP must use the capabilities and standards of CEHRT at 45 CFR 170.314(a)(9).

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	
§ 170.314(a)(9) Electronic notes	Enable a user to electronically record, change, access, and search electronic notes.
§ 170.314(g)(1) Automated numerator recording	For each meaningful use objective with a percentage-based measure, EHR technology must be able to create a report or file that enables a user to review the patients or actions that would make the patient or action eligible to be included in the measure's numerator. The information in the report or file created must be of sufficient detail such that it enables a user to match those patients or actions to meet the measure's denominator limitations when necessary to generate an accurate percentage.
§ 170.314(g)(2) Automated measure calculation	For each meaningful use objective with a percentage-based measure that is supported by a capability included in an EHR technology, electronically record the numerator and denominator and create a report including the numerator, denominator, and resulting percentage associated with each applicable meaningful use measure.
Standards Criteria	
N/A	