Adoption/Use of Electronic Health Records (EHR)

*This measure is to be reported at **each** visit occurring during the reporting period for all patients seen during the reporting period. There is no diagnosis associated with this measure. This measure may be reported by clinicians who have adopted and are using certified health information technology.[1]*

Measure description

Documents whether provider has adopted and is using health information technology. To qualify, the provider must have adopted and be using a certified/qualified EHR.

What will you need to report for each visit for this measure?

If you select this measure for reporting, you will report:

- Whether or not the patient encounter was documented[2] using an EHR system that has been certified by an Authorized Testing and Certification Body (ATCB)[3]

What if the EHR was not used for this visit?

Some measures provide an opportunity for the physician or eligible health professional to document when a process or outcome of care is not appropriate for a given patient (also called performance exclusions). Because this measure is applicable to most if not all patients, there are no allowable performance exclusions.

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[1]Health Information Technology (HIT) — A system that incorporates both computer hardware and software that deals with the storage, retrieval, sharing, and use of health care information, data, and knowledge for communication and decision making.

[2]Encounter Documentation — Eligible professional has utilized a system certified by an authorized testing and certification body to record/verify a patient encounter.

[3]Authorized Testing and Certification Bodies (ATCB) — Review bodies that have been authorized to test and certify electronic health record (EHR) systems for compliance with the standards and certification criteria that were issued by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.