

This Month's Meaningful Use FAQ

Every month, the Hawai'i Pacific Regional Extension Center (HPREC) will send you, as a participant of the HPREC program, a new frequently asked question (FAQ) related to the EHR Incentive Program Meaningful Use requirements. To view previous month's newsletters, visit our archive by clicking [HERE](#).

Meaningful Use Core Measure 14 for Eligible Professionals

Description

Evaluates whether a provider's electronic health record (EHR) system can exchange key clinical information electronically with other health care providers. Here is how the objective is stated: "Capability to exchange key clinical information (for example: problem list, medication list, medication allergies, and diagnostic test results) among providers of care and patient authorized entities electronically."

Acceptable (but not limited to) transmission methods

- secure email
- point-to-point interfaces
- web portals
- large organizations using batch transfer over secure connections
- health information exchanges
- health information service providers for secure email services
- the Nationwide Health Information Network Exchange

Related Core Measures

It is easy to confuse acceptable transmission methods for Core Measure 14 with acceptable transmission methods for Core Measures 12 and 13. The *required mode of transmitting* the clinical information plays a key role in understanding the *acceptable transmission methods* for each of these core measures.

- Core Measure 14 for EPs is: Capability to electronically exchange clinical information;
- Core Measure 12 for EPs is: Providing patients with an electronic copy of their health information;
- Core Measure 13 for EPs is: Providing patients with clinical summaries.

For Core Measure 12 and 13, the *transmission method for the clinical information is not required to be electronic*, so personal health records, patient portals, secure emails,

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Unacceptable transmission methods

- compact disc
- USB Drive
- fax
- phone

The test of electronic exchange of key clinical information must involve the transfer of information to ANOTHER PROVIDER OF CARE with distinct certified EHR technology or other system capable of receiving the information. Simulated transfers of information are not acceptable to satisfy this objective.

Exchanges between a reference lab and a provider will not qualify for this measure.

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CDs and USB thumb drives are all acceptable. *For Core Measure 13, paper is also an acceptable format* to provide a patient with a clinical summary.