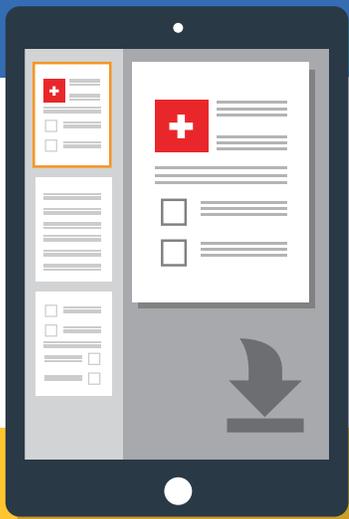




21ST CENTURY CURES ACT: INTEROPERABILITY, INFORMATION BLOCKING, AND THE ONC HEALTH IT CERTIFICATION PROGRAM PROPOSED RULE

Electronic Health Information (EHI) Export Certification Criterion and Associated Requirements

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?



Currently, switching electronic health record (EHR) systems is a time consuming and expensive activity for providers. Similarly, it's difficult for patients to access their EHI.

ONC's new proposal would require health IT developers to provide the capability to electronically export all EHI they produce and electronically manage in a computable format.

ONC proposes to make this criterion part of the 2015 Edition Base EHR definition, and for providers and developers to implement this within 24 months of the final rule's effective date.

HOW WILL IT WORK?

The proposed EHI Export certification requirement requires that:

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All EHI produced and electronically managed by a developer's health IT must be readily available to export for:

- A. a single patient upon request for their health data, and
- B. all patients when a provider seeks to change health IT systems.



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The export file must:

- A. be computable, and
- B. include documentation to allow for interpretation and use of EHI. The documentation must be made publically available via a hyperlink.



Note: Health IT developers would have the flexibility to determine their products' export standards.