



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

Health IT for Pediatric Care and Practice Settings

In response to the requirements set forth in section 4001 of the Cures Act, ONC has:



- 1 Developed ten recommendations for the voluntary certification of health IT for pediatric care that does **NOT** include a separate certification program for pediatric care and practice settings.
- 2 Identified current and proposed new 2015 Edition certification criteria that support pediatric care and practice settings.
- 3 Focused on non-regulatory initiatives that are nimble and responsive to stakeholders, including development of informational resources to support setting-specific implementation that aligns with the ONC Health IT Certification Program.

ONC'S APPROACH FOR IDENTIFYING HEALTH IT CERTIFICATION CRITERIA AND STANDARDS TO SUPPORT MULTIPLE CARE AND PRACTICE SETTINGS, INCLUDING THE PEDIATRIC CARE AND PRACTICE SETTINGS



1 Analyze certification criteria in the ONC Health IT Certification Program to ensure broad applicability to multiple medical specialties and sites of service.



2 Focus on the real-time evaluation of standards to determine applicability to medical specialties and sites of service as well as to the broader care continuum, focusing on existing and emerging standards for inclusion in the [ONC Interoperability Standards Advisory \(ISA\)](#).



3 Work in collaboration with stakeholders to support the development of resources for medical specialties and sites of service for which ONC identifies a need to advance the effective implementation of certified health IT.

ONC DEVELOPED RECOMMENDATIONS BASED ON STAKEHOLDER-IDENTIFIED CLINICAL PRIORITIES AND THE CHILDREN'S EHR FORMAT



Pediatric stakeholders identified clinical priorities and evaluated them with ONC.



[Access Children's EHR Format Here](#)

ONC RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PEDIATRIC HEALTH IT VOLUNTARY CERTIFICATION CRITERIA

1. Use biometric-specific norms for growth curves and support growth charts for children
2. Compute weight-based drug dosage
3. Ability to document all guardians and caregivers
4. Segmented access to information
5. Synchronize immunization histories with registries
6. Age- and weight-specific single dose range checking
7. Transferrable access authority
8. Associate mother's demographics with newborn
9. Track incomplete preventative care opportunities
10. Flag special health care needs

ONC CERTIFICATION CRITERIA TO SUPPORT PEDIATRIC CARE AND PRACTICE SETTINGS

CURRENT 2015 EDITION CRITERIA:

- Transitions of Care
- Care Plan
- View, Download, Transmit
- Application Programming Interface (API)
- Data Segmentation for Privacy
- Problem List
- Electronic Prescribing
- Common Clinical Data Set (CCDS)
- Social, Psychological, and Behavioral Data
- Clinical Quality Measure (CQM)
- Clinical Decision Support
- Immunizations
- Demographic data capture
- Family health history
- Patient health data capture
- Privacy and security

PROPOSED NEW 2015 EDITION CRITERIA:

- United States Core Data Set for Interoperability (USCDI)
- Electronic prescribing
- FHIR-based API
- Data segmentation for privacy



For information on how each recommendation corresponds to the Children's EHR Format and to the existing or proposed new ONC certification criteria, view the technical worksheets [here](#).