

EHR Reporting Program

WHAT IS THE EHR REPORTING PROGRAM?

In the 21st Century Cures Act of 2016, Congress directed the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to establish a new Electronic Health Record (EHR) Reporting Program. The EHR Reporting Program will provide publicly available, comparative information about certified health IT. This information will be collected as a requirement of certification and maintenance of certification for health IT developers. The program will also provide opportunity for users of certified health IT to voluntarily report their experience using certified health IT products. Reporting criteria will be related to security, usability, interoperability, conformance to certification testing, and other topics as appropriate.

HOW WILL ONC DEVELOP THE REPORTING CRITERIA?

ONC issued a Request for Information (RFI) seeking public input on the program in August 2018. ONC has contracted with the Urban Institute and its subcontractor, HealthTech Solutions to analyze the RFI comments, existing literature and comparison tools available on health IT. The contracted team is also obtaining stakeholder input on what information should be made available through the EHR Reporting Program through public open forums across the country, a series of virtual meetings and discussions with subject matter experts. This input will guide the team's development of reporting criteria for the EHR Reporting Program.

At the end of 2019, the contracted team will use the RFI comments, background research, and stakeholder input to develop a draft set of EHR reporting criteria. They will test these draft criteria with a small sample of certified health IT developers, clinicians, and others. After testing, the team will make necessary revisions and release the draft reporting criteria in the Federal Register for public comment in mid-2020.

They will then revise and release the criteria based on public feedback. Pending availability of funds, they plan to begin collecting data, and to publicly release EHR comparison information in late 2022.

HOW CAN I PROVIDE INPUT?

ONC is gathering input from a variety of stakeholders to help determine what information will be provided as part of this program. Please email EHRfeedback@urban.org if you would like to provide input on:

The most important criteria when selecting an EHR or certified health IT product

What information developers of certified health IT should report as part of this program

What information users could voluntarily report on their experience with health IT products

How information should be collected and disseminated to the public