

Final Rule: Health Data, Technology, and Interoperability: Certification Program Updates, Algorithm Transparency, and Information Sharing

ONC Health IT Certification Program Insights Condition

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Measure Title: Applications supported through certified health IT

Measure Description

- Regulatory Reference: § 170.407(a)(3)(iii)
- Associated Certification Criteria: § 170.315(g)(10)
- This measure captures information about apps that are connected to certified health IT products, including intended purpose of the app, intended user of the app and whether the app is actively used.

Metrics and Reporting Timeline

Metric	Program Year
Application name(s)	Year 1
Application developer name(s)	Year 1
 Intended purpose(s) of application: Administrative Tasks (e.g., scheduling & check-in, billing & payment) Clinical Tools (e.g., clinical decision support, risk calculators, remote patient monitoring) Individuals' Access to their EHI (e.g., enables patients to access their health information, medications, test results, vaccine records) Research (e.g., used to perform clinical research) Population Data (e.g., bulk transfer of data, population analytics & reporting) Public Health (e.g., electronic case reporting) Patient-Provider Communication (e.g., secure messaging, telehealth) Educational Resources (e.g., patient and provider educational resources) Other Intended Purpose Unknown (e.g., missing) 	Year 1
Intended application user(s): Individual/Caregiver Clinical Team Healthcare Administrator/Executive Payer Researcher Other Intended User Unknown (e.g., missing) 	Year 1
Application status: Actively Used (see Definitions) Not Actively Used (see Definitions) 	Year 1

Note: "Program Year" refers to the implementation year of the Insights Condition. "Year 1" measures start data collection in calendar year 2026 (January 1st, 2026 - December 31st, 2026), with responses due in July 2027 (and annually thereafter).

Definitions

- **Actively Used:** An app is defined as "Actively Used" if EHI has been transferred to the app using certified health IT for ten (10) or more unique patients during the reporting period.
- **Not Actively Used:** An app is defined as "Not Actively Used" if EHI has been transferred to the app using certified health IT for fewer than ten (10) unique patients during the reporting period.

Supplemental Reporting Information

- **<u>Required</u>**: Measures and related metrics are due annually. The reporting period is one calendar year.
- **<u>Required</u>**: Measures and related metrics must be aggregated at the product level (across versions).
 - Note that health IT developers with integrated certified health IT products will only have to report one response for each metric for those products (rather than two or more individual responses).
- **Required**: Developers must provide percentage of total customers (e.g., hospital sites, individual clinician users) represented in the provided data for each metric response.
- **<u>Required</u>**: Developers will submit documentation on the data sources and methodology (e.g., how the data was collected, whether via app registration process, survey or another method) used to generate these measures.
- **Optional:** Developers may also submit descriptive or qualitative information to provide context.

Implementation Information

- Any app that is registered via the app registration process for the § 170.315(g)(10) criterion is subject for inclusion in this measure. Apps that are used by a variety of interested parties to interact with health IT certified to § 170.315(g)(10) are in scope and could include, but are not limited to, provider, patient, and payer oriented apps.
- While the app registration process required under § 170.315(g)(10)(iii) may provide an opportunity to collect this information, developers of certified health IT may wish to use other mechanisms such as surveys, forms, or health IT system-based methods to obtain this information. Developers should describe the method(s) used to collect the data in the required documentation submitted.
- The collection of app information required for this Insights Condition measure will not violate the API Condition and Maintenance of Certification (§ 170.404(b)). Specifically, the requirements in § 170.404(b) enable a Certified API Developer to institute its own process to register applications for production use, so long as it occurs within five days of completing its verification of an API User's authenticity.
- App status should include apps based upon whether they are registered at any point in time during the reporting period.
- With regards to selection of "intended purpose" and "intended user," there may be multiple purposes and users so app listings should indicate all that apply and not be limited to one response.

Exclusions

• Products not certified to § 170.315(g)(10) are excluded from reporting on this measure.

Measure Characteristics

- Measure Area: Standards Adoption and Conformance
- Measure Category: Interoperability



Version History

- Version 1 released April 14, 2023
- Version 2 released December 13, 2023

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