

## **Public Health Electronic Case Reporting (eCR) FAQs**

1. *Where do I start with eCR implementation?*

**Answer:** Contact your facility EHR vendor to see if they are ready to supply the eCR upgrade/code for your system. If they are not ready request a timeline for readiness.

2. *What if I am a provider participating in the Medicare Promoting Interoperability Program and/or Merit-Based Incentive Payment system (MIPS) and my EHR vendor is not ready to send and receive eICR?*

**Answer:** Complete the Registration of Intent with the ND Department of Health [here](#).

3. *What is the process for claiming an exclusion?*

**Answer:** Exclusions are claimed at the time of attestation. An organization should have documented proof, filed in an attestation folder that is retained for at a minimum 6 years, as evidence of why they met the exclusion in case they are audited. One of the exclusions allows for the instance where a provider does not treat or diagnose any reportable diseases for which data is collected (i.e., providers of eye diseases or mental health specialist). Because they do not submit any applicable cases then they may take the exclusion. Another exclusion for 2022 only indicates that if the providers EHR is not certified to 170.315 (f) (5) prior to the start of the performance period they select in CY 2022. The provider's EHR vendor should be able to provide documentation for the taking of this exclusion.

4. *What is the latest date a provider can submit the Registration of Intent and still be considered Active?*

**Answer:** CMS Clarifies what Active means in Option 1: Option 1 – Completed Registration to Submit Data: The MIPS eligible clinician registered to submit data with the Public Health Agency (PHA) or, where applicable, the Clinical Data Registry (CDR) to which the information is being submitted; registration was completed within 60 days after the start of the performance period; and the MIPS eligible clinician is awaiting an invitation from the PHA or CDR to begin testing and validation. For example, if your performance period begins July 1, 2022, you must complete your Registration of Intent prior to August 30, 2022. This option allows MIPS eligible clinicians to meet the measure when the PHA or the CDR has limited resources to initiate the testing and validation process. MIPS eligible clinicians that have registered in previous years do not need to submit an additional registration to meet this requirement for each performance period.

5. *Where can I find information about my vendor's certification status?*

**Answer:** CHPL site <https://chpl.healthit.gov/#/search> - Under Certification Criteria check the following: 170.315(F)(5) certification criteria under the 2015 Certification Criteria or the 2015 Cures Update Certification Criteria.