



REMINDER - DEADLINE ALERT: Fulfill the EP's MU1 or MU2 Public Health Objective Requirements

MU Alert: Meaningful Use (MU) Stage 1 and Stage 2 requires Eligible Professionals (EPs) to attest to Public Health Objectives to qualify to receive an incentive payment. Our support team wants to make EPs and healthcare practices aware of the new MU Stage 2 registration and onboarding procedures **required** by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) [MU Stage 2 Final Rule](#).

EPs attesting to MU Stage 2 in Payment Year 2015

An EP participating in MU Stage 2 and attesting "Yes" to a Public Health Objective must formally register their intent to initiate ongoing submission for a given Public Health Objective, **before or within 60 days of the start of one's EHR Reporting Period**. Please be aware that an EP planning to attest to MU2 for Payment Year 2015 must register intent using the Meaningful Use Registration for Public Health (MURPH) System hosted on the [Health Commerce System \(HCS\)](#) by March 1, 2015 to meet the Public Health Objective registration deadline.

Important Registration Details:

- An EP who does not register before or within 60 days of the start of one's EHR Reporting Period for Payment Year 2015 may be ineligible to receive an incentive payment.
- A registration submitted to meet Payment Year 2014 MU2 requirements **will not** meet Payment Year 2015 MU2 requirements.
- An EP must create a **new registration** for each new payment year in order to receive proper audit documentation to support the Meaningful Use attestation.
- When the Meaningful Use Start Date of January 1, 2015 is entered in MURPH for Stage 2 Year 1, the system automatically generates a Meaningful Use End Date of March 31, 2015. The EHR Incentive Program is aware of this issue. EPs should continue submitting registrations with the appropriate Meaningful Use Start Date. If a date of January 1, 2015 is entered, the EHR Incentive Program will know that the Meaningful Use End Date should be December 31, 2015. Please note that the EHR Reporting Period entered during registration **will not** impact attestation or a potential audit. This issue is projected to be fixed by the end of the first quarter for Calendar Year 2015.
- Communications related to the public health onboarding process will be sent to the email addresses provided for the primary and alternate contacts during registration. It is very important that contact information is kept up to date to ensure delivery of written communications and timely responses by EPs whenever necessary.

For additional details on how to access and register, please navigate to the MU Stage 2 section of our new [Public Health Objective support website](#) and review the [Eligible Professional MURPH Registration Guide](#).

EPs attesting to MU Stage 1 in Payment Year 2015

An EP participating in MU Stage 1 and attesting "Yes" to a Public Health Objective must engage in testing with the appropriate Public Health Registry during the specified EHR Reporting Period to successfully meet MU Stage 1 Public Health Objectives under the EHR Incentive Programs. Please be aware that an EP must re-engage with a Public Health Registry for each new payment year.

For details on how to test with specific Public Health Registries, please navigate to the MU Stage 1 section of our new [Public Health Objective support website](#).

Meaningful Use Public Health Webinars

Our team has developed webinars to assist EPs in further understanding the MU Stage 1 and Stage 2 Public Health Objective requirements:

- [MU2 Public Health Objectives webinar](#) is scheduled for **Wednesday, February 18th** (register [here](#)) and **Wednesday, February 25th** (register [here](#)).
- [MU1 Public Health Objectives webinar](#) is scheduled for **Wednesday, March 11th**. (register [here](#))
- Additional NY Medicaid EHR Incentive Program webinars are available on the NY Medicaid EHR Incentive Program [Webinar Calendar](#).

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