

Meaningful Use Attestation

Eligible Professional

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Purpose

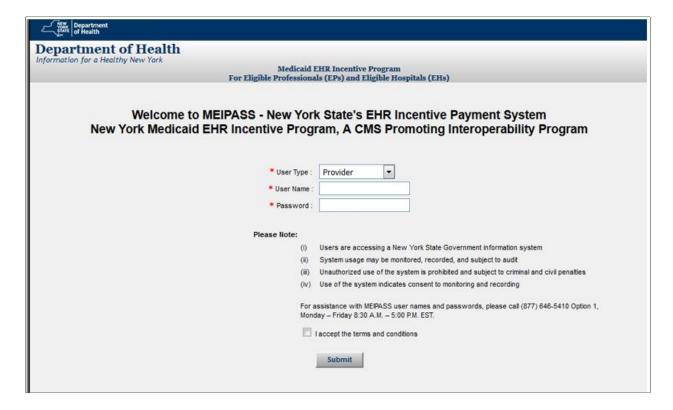
This document serves as a guide for eligible professionals (EPs) using the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program Administrative Support Service (MEIPASS) to attest meaningful use (MU) of certified EHR technology.

Requirements

Prior to attesting, the provider must have completed registration for the NY Medicaid EHR Incentive Program in the <u>CMS Registration and Attestation System</u> and obtained an <u>ePACES</u> user account with MEIPASS privileges.

Home Page

Log into MEIPASS at https://meipass.emedny.org/ehr with your ePACES user name and password.





CMS Registration

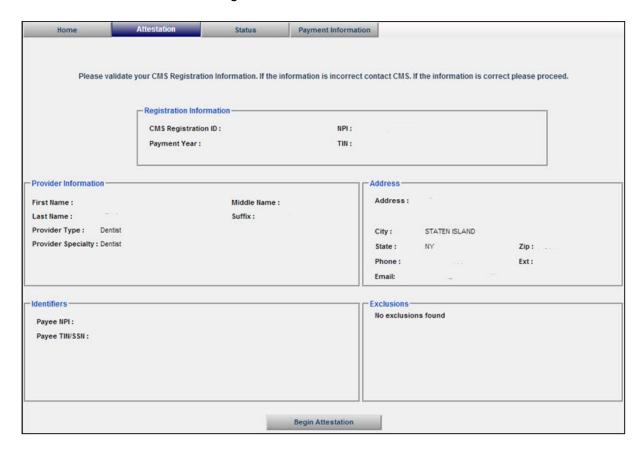
Enter the provider's CMS Registration ID.

If you need help obtaining the registration ID, please email hit@health.ny.gov.



Review the provider's registration information.

NOTE: The email address on the registration serves as the primary contact for the provider participating in the NY Medicaid EHR Incentive Program.



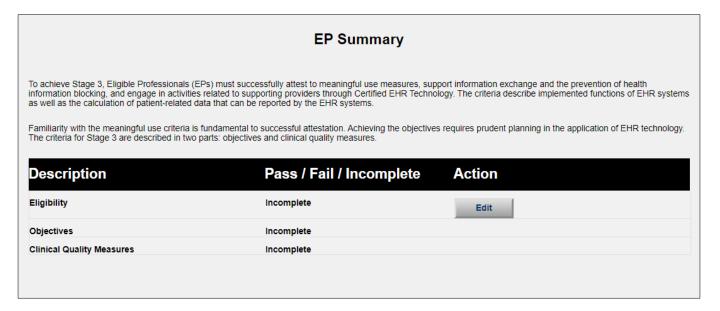
- If the information displayed is correct, click Begin Attestation to proceed forward.
- If it is not correct, go to the CMS Registration and Attestation System to update the provider's record. Allow at least 1 business day for the information to be updated in MEIPASS.
- Make sure to update the provider's CMS registration prior to submitting the attestation in MEIPASS. Otherwise, updating the CMS registration while an attestation is under state review will reset the provider's submission in MEIPASS.



EP Summary

The EP Summary page displays the status of each section in the attestation: Eligibility, Objectives, and Clinical Quality Measures. Each section must be passed in order for the EP to submit the attestation.

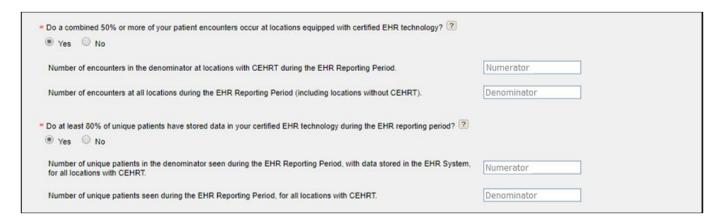
Click **Edit** to access the Eligibility section.



Locations with CEHRT

Review FAQ EP12 and the CMS tip sheet about practicing at multiple locations.

Answer the questions about patient encounters and stored data at locations with certified EHR technology (CEHRT). Effective 2019, you must enter the numerator and denominator data for each question.

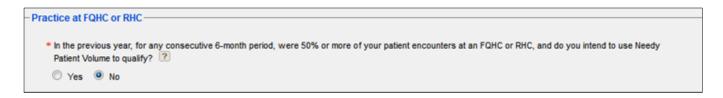


After completing these questions, select the Payment Year the provider is attesting meaningful use.



Practice at FQHC or RHC

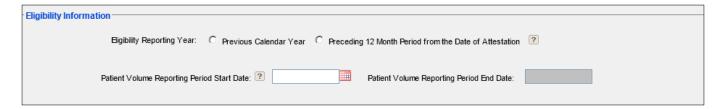
Review <u>FAQ EP29</u> for more information about practicing predominantly at a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) or Rural Health Clinic (RHC).



- Answer No if the provider is using the Standard Patient Volume method. Proceed to the Eligibility Information section.
- Answer Yes if the provider is using the Needy Patient Volume method. Complete the following fields:
 - FQHC/RHC Reporting Year
 - Start Date of the 6-month period
 - Name of the FQHC or RHC
 - Patient Encounters at the FQHC or RHC during this period
 - Total Patient Encounters during this period

Eligibility Information

Review FAQ EP06 and EP92 about patient volume reporting.



Select a reporting year of either **Previous Calendar Year** or **Preceding 12 Month Period from the Date of Attestation**.

Based on this response, use the calendar tool to select the **Start Date** of the 90-day patient volume reporting period. The End Date will automatically populate.

Pediatrician

Review FAQ EP28 about pediatrician eligibility.





Physician Assistant

If the provider answered **No** to the previous question about practicing at a FQHC or RHC and using needy patient volume, then **MEIPASS** defaults the physician assistant answer to **No**.

NOTE: If the physician assistant wants to attest to the standard patient volume method, then please review <u>FAQ EP37</u> for a workaround procedure.

Hospital Based Status

A hospital-based provider is defined as a provider who furnishes 90% or more of his/her covered Medicaid services in either inpatient (code 21) or emergency department (code 23) of a hospital. Hospital-based providers do not qualify for Medicare or Medicaid Electronic Health Record incentive payments. This determination is based solely on the individual provider's covered Medicaid services during the calendar year immediately preceding the payment year.

For example, if the provider is attesting for payment year 2020, then calendar year 2019 is used to determine hospital based status.



Answer **No** to attest that the provider is not hospital based.

Organization / Group Patient Volume

Review FAQs <u>EP05</u>, <u>EP19</u>, and <u>EP36</u> about group patient volume.

EPs in a group may use aggregate data as a proxy for individual patient volume.

NOTE: All EPs in the group must attest to the same group patient volume.



- Answer **Yes** to use group aggregate patient volume. Enter the organization's NPI.
- Answer No to use the EP's individual patient volume.



Encounters

Review FAQ EP07 for encounter definitions.



Enter the provider's **Total Medicaid Encounters** and **Total Encounters** during the patient volume reporting period.

Alternate Patient Panel

EPs may use alternate patient panel volume if they meet certain criteria, which includes reviewing encounter data two years prior to the start of the patient volume reporting period. Please review the information available on the <u>program website</u> and the <u>patient panel decision tool</u> to determine if this method is appropriate for the EP.



- Answer **Yes** to use the alternate patient panel method. Complete the encounter and panel fields.
- Answer No to use standard patient volume.

Encounters Outside NY

Review FAQ EP34 about out of state encounters for patient volume reporting.



- Answer **Yes** if including encounters for patients outside of New York and select the state(s).
- Answer No if only including New York patient encounters.

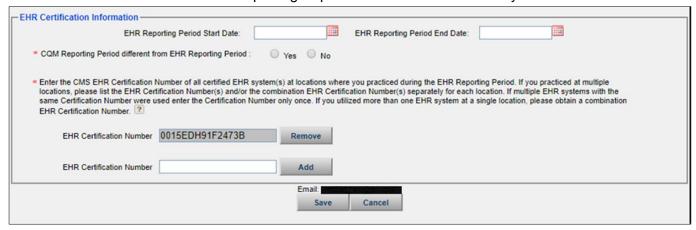
EHR Certification Information

EHR Reporting Period

Complete the EHR Reporting Period, which is the period for which the EP is attesting meaningful use. The minimum EHR Reporting requirement is 90 continuous days within the selected payment year.

CQM Reporting Period

- Answer **Yes** if the EP is attesting the same period as the EHR Reporting Period.
- Answer No if the EP is attesting a different period. Enter the start and end dates.
- For 2020:
 - The minimum CQM Reporting requirement is 90 continuous days.



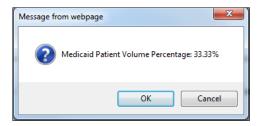
EHR Certification Number

Add the **EHR Certification Number(s)** of the CEHRT used by the EP during the EHR Reporting Period. Effective 2019, EPs must use 2015 Edition of CEHRT.

To locate an EHR product's CEHRT number, visit the Certified Health IT Product List at https://chpl.healthit.gov/.

After clicking **Save**, a message will display the provider's patient volume percentage.

Click **OK** to proceed forward.





Objectives

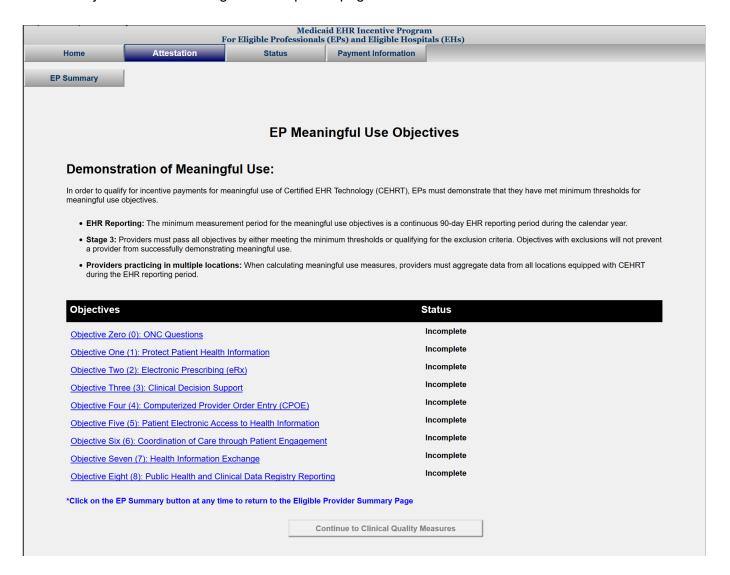
After completing the Eligiblity section, enter the EP's MU data in the Objectives section.

- For 2019 and beyond, EPs must attest to Stage 3 which has 8 required objectives.
- EPs must complete Objective Zero (0): ONC Questions about the prevention of information blocking.

The EP Meaningful Use Objectives page displays the status of each objective:

- "Incomplete" by default
- if the EP has satisfied an objective
- if the EP has failed an objective

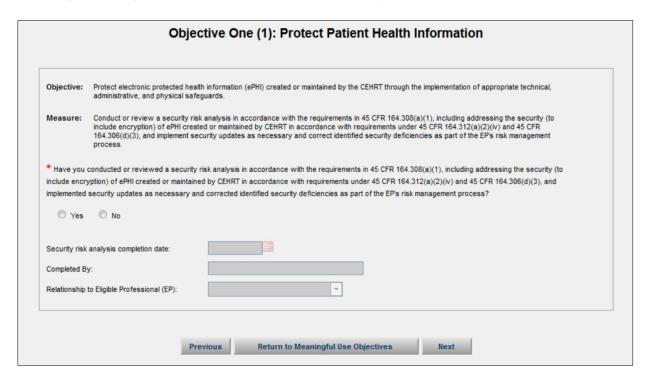
Click an objective's link to navigate to its specific page.





Activity Measures

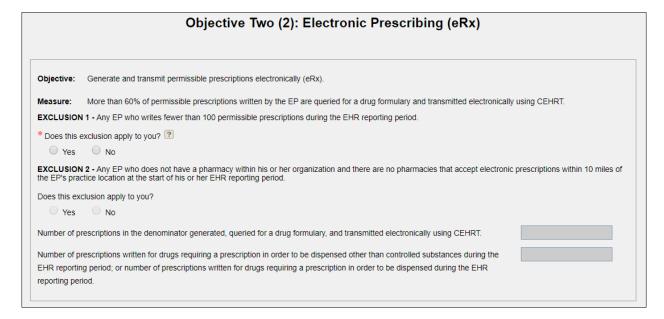
Activity measures require a **Yes** or **No** response. The EP may also have to enter additional information. For example, for the Protect Patient Health Information objective the EP must enter the completion date of the security risk analysis, the name of the person who completed it, and their relationship to the EP.



Click **Next** to save the response and proceed to the next objective.

Threshold Measures

Threshold measures, such as Electronic Prescribing, require numerator and denominator data. If the EP qualifies and claims an exclusion for a measure, the remaining fields are grayed out.

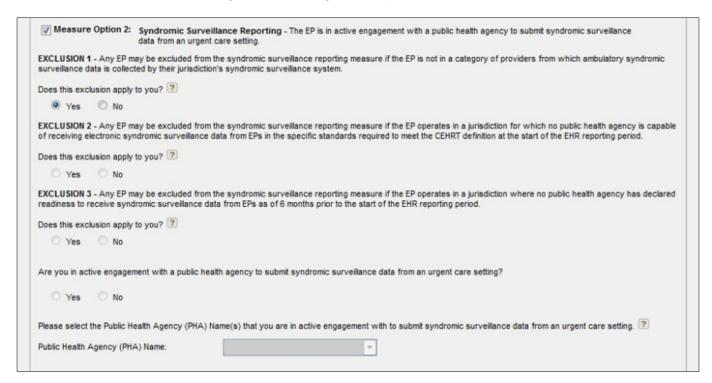


Public Health Reporting

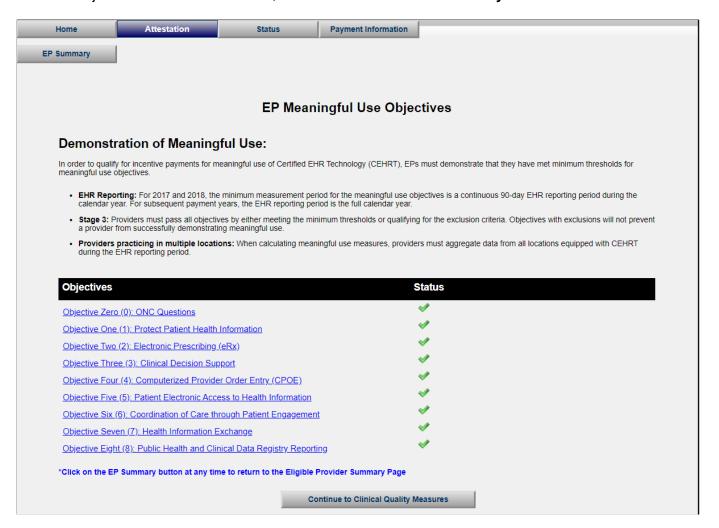
Select the location where the EP practiced. Then select the Public Health Reporting measures the EP is attesting for the payment year.

EPs must attest to at least two Public Health and Clinical Data Registry Reporting measures to satisfy the objective. An exclusion for a measure does not count toward the total of two measures. EPs can satisfy the objective by a combination of meeting measures and claiming applicable exclusions for the remaining measures, or by claiming exclusions for all the measures. Objective: The EP is in active engagement with a public health agency or clinical data registry to submit electronic public health data in a meaningful way using certified EHR technology, except where prohibited, and in accordance with applicable law and practice. Active engagement is demonstrated by one of the following options: i. Completed Registration to Submit Data ii. Testing and Validation iii. Production Select the location where you practice: Inside the 5 boroughs of New York City Outside the 5 boroughs of New York City Both inside and outside the 5 boroughs of New York City

- If the EP is attesting active engagement for a measure, then the Public Health Agency or Clinical Data Registry must be selected from the dropdown list.
- The names of available agencies and registries depend on the location that was selected.



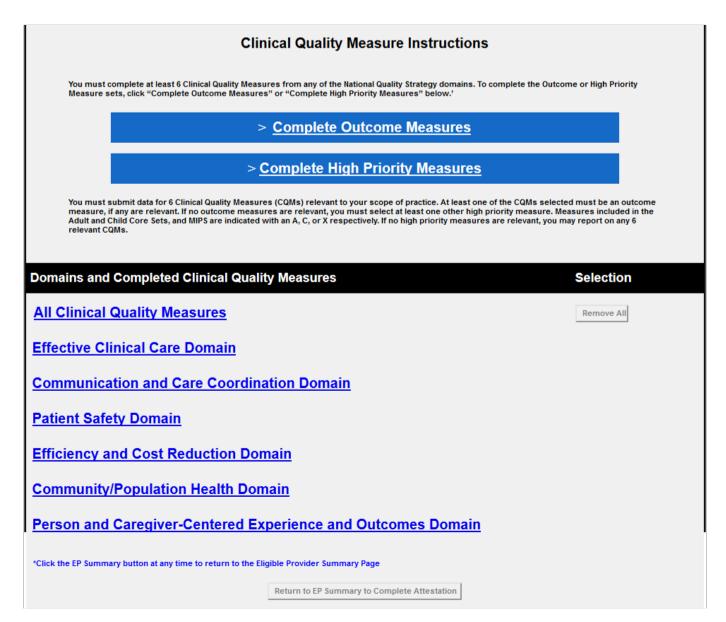
When all objectives have been satisfied, click Continue to Clinical Quality Measures.



Clinical Quality Measures (CQMs)

The Clinical Quality Measures Summary page displays links to the outcome and high priority measures.

- Effective 2019, EPs must report on at least six CQMs relevant to their scope of practice, including at least one outcome or high priority measure.
- If there are no relevant outcome or high priority measures, then an EP may report on any six CQMs.

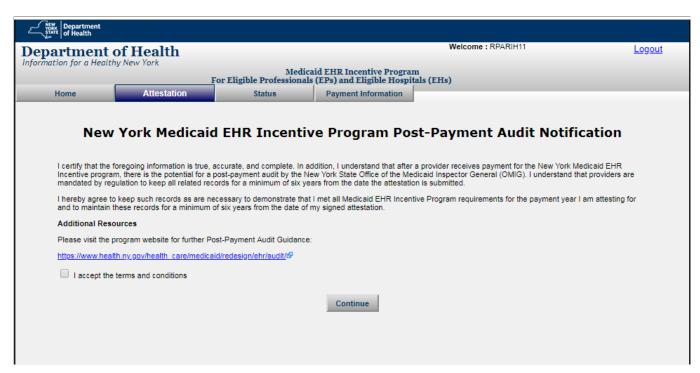


After satisfying the CQM requirements, click Return to EP Summary to Complete Attestation.



Post-Payment Audit Notification

Carefully review the New York Medicaid EHR Incentive Program Post-Payment Audit Notification page.

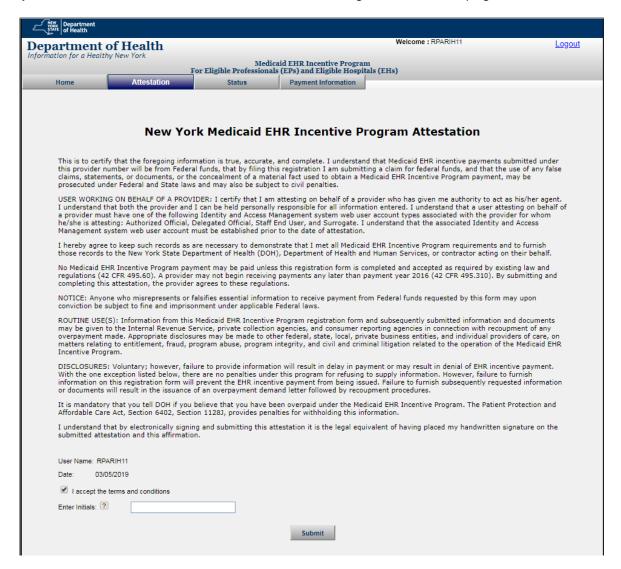


- After reviewing the agreement, check the box to accept the terms and conditions.
- Click Continue to go to the signature page.



Submit Attestation

Carefully review the New York Medicaid EHR Incentive Program Attestation page.



- After reviewing the agreement, check the box to accept the terms and conditions.
- Enter the initials of the provider, Authorized Official, Delegated Official, Staff End User or Surrogate (as defined in the terms and conditions) for who is attesting.
- Click Submit to submit the attestation.



Attestation Document

A confirmation message displays after submitting the attestation. Click **MEIPASS Attestation Document** to open a PDF copy of the attestation. Please retain this document. In the event of a possible post-payment audit, providers should retain documentation to support all attestations for no less than six years from the date of attestation.



NOTE: Effective payment year 2017, EP attestations are submitted completely online via MEIPASS. The MEIPASS attestation document does not need to be mailed to the NY Medicaid EHR Incentive Program.



Glossary

Term	Description
CEHRT	Certified EHR Technology
CMS	Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
CQM	Clinical Quality Measure
EHR	Electronic Health Record
EP	Eligible Professional
ePACES	Electronic Provider Assisted Claim Entry System
ETIN	Electronic Transmitter Identification Number
FQHC	Federally Qualified Health Center
MEIPASS	Medicaid EHR Incentive Program Administrative Support Service
MU	Meaningful Use
MURPH	Meaningful Use Registration for Public Health
ONC	Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology
PDF	Portable Document Format
NPI	National Provider Identifier
RHC	Rural Health Clinic

Questions?

Contact the NY Medicaid EHR Incentive Program Support Team. Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:30am – 5:00pm Eastern Standard Time

Phone: 1-877-646-5410

- Option 1 ETIN certification, ePACES, and MEIPASS credentials
- Option 2 Program Policies, Patient Volume, Meaningful Use, and Attestation Review
- Option 3 Public Health Reporting Guidance, MURPH Registration, and Status

Email: hit@health.ny.gov

Visit https://health.ny.gov/ehr for more information about the program.

