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Healthcare Data for Public Health Action Challenge

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Does the successful completion of challenge requirements fulfill current and/or future regulatory requirements?

Successful completion of this challenge will fulfill the following:

1. CMS Promoting Interoperability / MIPS requirements for electronic case reporting (eCR),

2. the Cures Act eCR related USCDI V3 requirements, and

3. the proposed ONC eCR certification requirements for electronic health records (EHRs) that are in the current Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM).

4. the proposed ONC USCDI V3 certification requirements for 'occupation' and 'occupation industry' (job occupation and job industry, respectively) that are in the current NRPM.

In Pediatric hospitals, the Occupational Data for Health (ODH) is generally only collected for the patients' parent/guardian. Will this be an issue for the challenge?

The parent, guardian, or other household member's job occupation and industry can be implemented in the HL7 CDA eICR R3.1. Such implementation is acceptable to meet the challenge requirements.

Are there any general resources available to assist with implementation of Occupational Data for Health, especially collecting occupation and industry concepts?

Please see the following NIOSH (The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health) publication: _A Guide to the Collection of Occupational Data for Health: Tips for Health IT System Developers_ for general information about implementing Occupational Data for Health.

The notice states that "only complete submissions will be considered for an award." What is considered "complete"?

A complete submission is an entry that fulfills "The Challenge Requirements" and provides evidence thereof prior to the submission deadline, as detailed on the Challenge web page – https://ecr.aimsplatform.org/odh-challenge. Note: The "Judging Criteria" and the "Additional Challenge Data" will also be considered in terms of developing a participant's ultimate score.

Is there additional information available about the HL7 CDA eICR R3.1 standard?

The HL7 CDA eICR R3.1 standard is the most current standard for eICR from HL7. The HL7 CDA eICR R3.1 Implementation Guide can be found on the HL7 website, here: http://www.hl7.org/implement/standards/product_brief.cfm?product_id=436 with additional information about the standard.

How do we migrate from R1.1 to R3.1?

The EHR vendor must, in the end, produce a compliant HL7 CDA eICR R3.1 document using a vendor-developed system or the eCR Now FHIR App and submit it for reporting. There is validation available for testing HL7 CDA eICR 3.1 documents here: https://validator.aimsplatform.org/. (Under version, select the eICR 3.1 from the drop-down list.)

Can we participate in the Challenge if we have implemented eCR for COVID reporting only?

Participation in this challenge does not require reporting for all conditions. The supplemental funding for silicosis reporting does require more than COVID reporting, including the reporting of silicosis cases. Trigger codes for silicosis are included in all eCR eRSD trigger code distributions. Participants may need to determine if silicosis reporting is required in a particular jurisdiction and is authored in RCKMS.

Our facility uses the eCR Now FHIR App for case reporting. Are we eligible to participate in the Challenge?

EHRs that implement the eCR Now FHIR App are fully eligible to participate in the Challenge.

Do you supply data imports for occupation and industry dictionaries?

We recommend using the downloadable files under the PHIN VADS Hot Topics section for the ODH vocabulary. These files provide additional information, such as Spanish translations.

Will all Challenge awards be made?

All Challenge awards will be made conditional to receipt of adequate numbers of fully eligible applications and complete submissions.

Can an EHR vendor participate in the Challenge and receive an award?

EHR companies can participate in this challenge and receive an award if their team meets all requirements, including having a participating healthcare organization that is originating the eICRs.

Can a Health Information Exchange (HIE) participate in the Challenge and receive an award?

An HIE can be a participant in the challenge and receive an award if their team meets all requirements, including having a participating healthcare organization that is originating the eICRs.

Is patient consent needed to do eCR?

Public Health case reporting is required by law in every state and territory in the United States. Patient consent is not required to do electronic case reporting that complies with these laws. eCR supports the requirements for case reporting and the relevant laws through the use of the HL7 eICR standard and the RCKMS decision support engine on the APHL AIMS platform. The rules in this decision support engine are authored by the relevant public health agencies to represent their reporting laws and requirements.