

TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
Cancer Case Reporting
Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Programs
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Tennessee Cancer Registry Declaration of Readiness Revision

The Tennessee Cancer Registry (TCR) has revised its declaration of readiness with regard to the submission of cancer cases from eligible clinicians who directly treat or diagnose cancer patients and use Certified EHR Technology (CEHRT) to submit cancer cases to the TCR under the EHR Incentive Program. Effective January 1st, 2018, TCR will accept only new registrations from eligible clinicians for electronic data submissions with the following physician specialties:

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| 1. Dermatology | 5. Medical Oncology |
| 2. Urology | 6. Radiation Oncology |
| 3. Gastroenterology | 7. Surgical Oncology |
| 4. Hematology | 8. Gynecologic Oncology |

Furthermore eligible clinicians must have a certified EHR product capable of generating and transmitting reports to the TCR using Health Level 7 Clinical Document Architecture Release 2 (HL7 CDA R2) based standards, as outlined in the Implementation Guide for Ambulatory Healthcare Provider Reporting to Central Cancer Registries. The certification criteria needed to generate and transmit cancer case reports are specified in Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology’s (ONC) final rule for EHR Certification, 170.314(f)(5) and 170.314(f)(6). To verify an EHR product has been certified, please visit the ONC’s [Certified Health IT Product List](#).

Summary of EHR Incentive Payment Program Participation

CEHRT Edition	Implementation Guide	Measure	Incentive Program	Certification Criteria (Final Rule)	Supported by TDH Cancer Registry
2014	Implementation Guide for Ambulatory Healthcare Provider Reporting to Central Cancer Registries, HL7 Clinical Document Architecture (CDA), (August 2012)	Specialized Registry Reporting	MU: Modified Stage 2	170.314(f)(6) 170.314(f)(5)	✓
2014	Implementation Guide for Ambulatory Healthcare Provider Reporting to Central Cancer Registries, HL7 Clinical Document Architecture (CDA), (August 2012)	Specialized Registry Reporting	Advancing Care Information	170.314(f)(6) 170.314(f)(5)	✓

Summary of EHR Incentive Payment Program Participation continued

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2015	Implementation Guide for Ambulatory Healthcare Provider Reporting to Central Cancer Registries, HL7 Clinical Document Architecture (CDA), (March 2014)	Public Health Registry Reporting	MU: Stage 3	170.315(f)(4)	
2015	Implementation Guide for Ambulatory Healthcare Provider Reporting to Central Cancer Registries, HL7 Clinical Document Architecture (CDA), (March 2014)	Public Health Registry Reporting	Advancing Care Information 2017 Transition	170.315(f)(4)	

Eligible Clinicians not meeting the requirements above may be excluded from specialized or public health registry reporting measures. Please visit the [Electronic Health Records \(EHR\) Incentive Program site](#) for more information.

Resource Capacity

The TCR has the technical capacity to accept cancer case reports from eligible clinicians using a certified EHR product. However, the TCR does not currently have the resources to support eligible clinicians in queue awaiting an invitation to begin testing and onboarding. Eligible clinicians who have submitted registrations to establish electronic case reporting of Cancer Cases who have not yet begun testing with the TCR will remain in queue for testing in the Trading Partner Registration (TPR) system until additional resources become available. Eligible clinicians can meet the Public Health Registry Reporting measure as long as they register their intent to report in the TPR system no later than 60 days after the start of their EHR reporting period.

The TCR will continue to supply attestation and audit documentation to all eligible clinicians with approved registrations in TPR system. New registrations submitted in the TPR system by any eligible clinician that meets at least 1 of the following criteria will be denied registration for electronic data submission by the TCR:

1. The physician specialty of the eligible clinician is not included in the above list of approved physician specialties for electronic data submission.
2. The eligible clinician is not a physician (MD or DO) that directly diagnoses or treats 25 cancer cases in a calendar year.
3. The eligible clinician does not utilize a CEHRT certified for the following certification criteria: 170.314(f)(5) and 170.314(f)(6).

*A denied registration in the TPR system does negate the responsibility to report in accordance with [Tennessee Code Annotated \(T.C.A.\) § 68-1-1001](#), which requires **all health care practitioners and facilities** that diagnose and/or treat cancer patients to report cancer case information to the TCR.*

Eligible clinicians should check the TDH web page periodically for updates to the [Declaration of Readiness](#). **For questions related to the TDH Declaration of Readiness, contact the TDH Meaningful Use Coordinator at (615) 253-8945 or MU.Health@tn.gov**. Questions concerning TCR updates or for general information please contact TNCancer.Registry@tn.gov.