

TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
Electronic Case Reporting
Promoting Interoperability Public Health Measure
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Electronic Case Reporting Declaration of Readiness Revision

The Communicable and Environmental Disease and Emergency Preparedness Section (CEDEP) within the Tennessee Department of Health (TDH) has revised its declaration of readiness for Electronic Case Reporting regarding the submission of electronic initial case reports (eICR). Effective January 1st, 2022, TDH will accept registrations from eligible clinicians (ECs), eligible hospitals (EHs) and eligible professionals (EPs) that meet the following requirements:

Requirement	EHs	ECs/EPs
Use of 2015 CEHRT product capable of generating and transmitting HL7 electronic initial case report (eICR) standards (R1.1 and R3) for electronic case reporting (eCR)	X	X
Establish connectivity and use of the Association of Public Health Laboratories (APHL) Informatics Messaging Services (AIMS) platform and the Reportable Condition Knowledge Management System (RCKMS)	X	X
Diagnose or treat ≥ 150 reportable cases in a calendar year		X

To satisfy Tennessee Department of Health’s requirements for Public Health Reporting using electronic health record technology, all potential trading partners must first register their intent to exchange data: [Trading Partner Registration \(TPR\)](#). After completing TPR registration, an automated confirmation email will be sent to the registered facility/provider contact. TDH staff will review registration and status is (i.e., approve/deny) provided via automated email. If approved, ECs, EHs, and EPs will be placed in queue to await an invitation to begin testing and onboarding. Due to limited capacity, trading partners are onboarded by priority and resource availability.

Registrations by ECs, EHs, and EPs not meeting the requirements above will have their registration denied and should consider applying for an exclusion from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Electronic Case Reporting measure. Please visit [CMS’ Promoting Interoperability Programs](#) site for more information.

A denied registration in the TPR system does not negate the responsibility to report in accordance with Tennessee Code Annotated (T.C.A.) § 68-5-102, which requires all health care practitioners and facilities that diagnose and/or treat communicable disease(s) to report to TDH.

Eligible providers 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 Partner Engagement Team at MU.Health@tn.gov.** Questions concerning eCR updates or for general information please contact CEDS.Informatics@tn.gov.