



M-CEITA Call with NPO Practices 12/3/14

Bruce Maki from M-CEITA

Question: A practice has a new doctor; she attested to Medicaid Stage 1 Year 1 in 2013. She is going to change to Medicare for 2014. What Year/Stage is she in?

Answer: Stage 1 Year 2. You have to attest to Stage 1 for two years before progressing to Stage 2.

Question: Security Risk Assessment: About how much would it cost for M-CEITA to do a Security Risk Assessment? (this practice has 3 physicians and possibly 1 mid-level). How long does the assessment take?

Answer: The assessment is 2 meetings, about 1 ½ hours either in person or over the phone. Our rate for our proprietary version of the SRA is \$2,500. This cost will cover all EPs at a practice and it can even cover multiple locations as long as the additional locations are all sharing the same EHR and network. Given the location of the practice, the SRA would be done remotely and would consist of 2 meetings/calls. The first is the actual SRA where our resident expert, Andy Petrovich, will conduct a security interview with the appropriate person(s) at the practice. Following that interview, Andy will prepare a report of his findings and a second meeting/call will be held to deliver the results as well as proprietary tools and best practice advice for correcting any issues brought to light by the SRA.

Question: We have not upgraded our Amazing Charts EMR, due to being told by Amazing Charts to not upgrade because the 2014 MU changes were not incorporated yet. What do I do? Also do I need to be worried about the ability to exchange information with another practice?

Answer (received in an email from Bruce Maki after the meeting): I was right to question whether or not she needs to be concerned with that old measure that required her to test the ability to exchange clinical information with one other practice. That measure changed from 2012 to 2013 and is NOT part of the MU measures she would be attesting to in 2014 (using the Flex option to attest to the 2013 definition of MU). Here are the measures associated with the 2013 definition of MU:

<http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/EHRIncentivePrograms/Downloads/EP-MU-TOC.pdf>

In 2013, that electronic exchange measure was no longer one of the Core measures. If her version of Amazing Charts is still showing it, she must be a few versions behind in upgrades and possibly hasn't upgraded since 2012.

You will need to upgrade as close to January 1, 2015 as possible as that is the only way you will be able to attest to 2014.



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Question: What do I need to attest to as far as CQM requirements?

Answer: You need to report on 6 of the CQM requirements. There are 3 cores and 3 "menu" that you will choose. There are 44 requirements available to report on, and it depends on what your EMR can give you as far as reporting.

You will want to choose ones where the denominator is not zero, unless that is all you have. There is not a threshold in the reporting of CQMs, you will still get credit for the requirement if you report zeros.