

CMS Guidance on Active Engagement

“Active engagement” means that the provider is in the process of moving towards sending "production data" to a public health agency or clinical data registry, or is sending production data to a public health agency or clinical data registry. Production data refers to data generated through clinical processes involving patient care, and it is used to distinguish between data and “test data” which may be submitted for the purposes of enrolling in and testing electronic data transfers. Below are three ways in which an EP/EH can meet the definition of active engagement.

Active Engagement Option 1–Completed Registration to Submit Data:

The EP/EH registered to submit data with the PHA or, where applicable, the CDR to which the information is being submitted; registration was completed within 60 days after the start of the EHR reporting period; and the EP/EH is awaiting an invitation from the PHA or CDR to begin testing and validation. This option allows providers to meet the measure when the PHA or the CDR has limited resources to initiate the testing and validation process. Providers that have registered in previous years do not need to submit an additional registration to meet this requirement for each EHR reporting period.

Active Engagement Option 2 -Testing and Validation:

The EP/EH is in the process of testing and validation of the electronic submission of data. Providers must respond to requests from the PHA or, where applicable, the CDR within 30 days; failure to respond twice within an EHR reporting period would result in that provider not meeting the measure.

Active Engagement Option 3 – Production:

The EP/EH has completed testing and validation of the electronic submission and is electronically submitting production data to the PHA or CDR.