

Medi-Cal Promoting Interoperability Program

2019 Stage 3: Tips for Dental Providers

General Program and Participation Requirements

In 2019, providers will only be able to attest to Stage 3. All providers are required to use 2015 Edition certified electronic health record technology.

Eligibility Requirements

- Be a licensed dentist in the State of California.
- Have 30% or more patient volume attributable to Medi-Cal patients in a 90-day period in the preceding calendar year.
- Participation in the Medi-Cal Promoting Interoperability Program, formerly known as the Medi-Cal Electronic Health Record Incentive Program, prior to 2017.
- Program year participation does not need to be in consecutive years.

Meaningful Use

- A dentist can receive \$8,500 per year by demonstrating meaningful use.
- To date, only 9% of dentists in the program have taken advantage of available meaningful use funds.
- It's not as hard as you think! Dentists can utilize many tips and work-arounds, including using exclusions, to attain meaningful use.

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Protect Patient Health Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• EPs must conduct or review a security risk analysis and implement updates as necessary.• An analysis must be done after installation or upgrading to a new system.
Electronic Prescribing (eRx)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Exclusion available for a dentist who writes fewer than 100 permissible prescriptions during the EHR reporting period.
Clinical Decision Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Implement five clinical decision support interventions related to four or more clinical quality measures.• Exclusion available for drug-drug and drug-allergy interactions for fewer than 100 medication orders are written.
Computerized Provider Order Entry (CPOE)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Individual exclusions available if EP writes fewer than 100 medication, laboratory, or diagnostic imaging orders during the EHR reporting period.
Patient Electronic Access to Health Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide patients with timely electronic access to their health information and patient-specific education.• More than 80% of patients seen were provided timely access to their health information in the application of the

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	patient's choosing. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patient-specific educational resources should be provided to more than 35% of unique patients seen by the provider.
Coordination of Care through Patient Engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use certified electronic health record technology to engage with patients or the authorized representative about the patient's care.
Health Information Exchange	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exclusion for less than 100 transitions of care during the EHR reporting period. • Applicable when patients are referred for additional dental services.
Public Health and Clinical Data Registry Reporting	Exclusions available if a dentist does not: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administer immunizations, • Practice in county with syndromic surveillance, • Treat or diagnose any diseases reportable to their jurisdiction's reportable disease system, • Diagnose or directly treat any disease associated with a public health registry, • Treat or diagnose any disease or condition associated with a clinical data registry.

Clinical Quality Measures

For 2019, providers are required to report on any six clinical quality measures (CQMs) related to the scope of practice. Providers are also required to report on at least one outcome measure. If none of the outcome measures are relevant, the provider must report on at least one high-priority measure. For dentists, DHCS has designated CMS 74: Primary Caries Prevention as a high priority CQM. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) designated CMS 75: Children Who Have Dental Decay as an outcome measure.

Additional Resources

- Links to the [CMS Specification Sheet](#) for each MU Objective were include in the above table.
- Program information is available on the [State Level Registry](#).
- Additional 2019 Stage 3 details are available on [CMS' Promoting Interoperability website](#).



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