



The Texas Cancer Registry (TCR) is currently accepting information from Eligible Professionals (EPs) for cancer case reporting to central cancer registries for Meaningful Use (MU).

**TCR is declaring readiness for Stage 3 MU measures and specifications the 2014 or 2015 Edition CEHRT beginning January 1, 2017. Please see the [DSHS Meaningful Use](#) webpage for additional details on DSHS' Declaration of Readiness for Stage 3 MU.**

## **IMPORTANT!**

In order to meet the cancer reporting measure for MU, you must use an EHR with the cancer reporting capabilities and standards of CEHRT 45 CFR 170.314 (f)(5) and (f)(6). **The TCR will not onboard providers whose EHR product does not meet the certification criteria for cancer reporting.** Please visit our informational [EHR Certification Criteria](#) page for instructions on determining if your EHR meets the certification criteria for cancer reporting or contact your vendor for more information.

In support of physician reporting and the [Meaningful Use \(MU\)](#) of electronic health records (EHRs), the TCR has implemented reporting from [Certified Electronic Health Record Technology \(CEHRT\)](#). The TCR recognizes the [Implementation Guide for Ambulatory Healthcare Provider Reporting to Central Cancer Registries, Release 1.1, March 2014 \(IG\)](#) as guidance for submitting data through HL7 for Meaningful Use. Submissions to TCR must meet specifications in CFR 170.314 (f)(5) and (f)(6) to be accepted. Please email [DSHS Meaningful Use](#) at [MeaningfulUseTX@dshs.texas.gov](mailto:MeaningfulUseTX@dshs.texas.gov) for additional information about Meaningful Use requirements.

Reporting to the TCR is one way of demonstrating the meaningful use of CEHRT for [Eligible Professionals \(EPs\)](#) participating in the [Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' EHR Incentive Payment Programs \(Incentive Programs\)](#). Eligible Hospital (EH) and Critical Access Hospital (CAH) program participants cannot select cancer reporting to the TCR as an option for meeting an Incentive Program objective.

*Please Note: EHR reporting is not intended to replace traditional [cancer reporting from hospitals](#) and other facilities; it is meant to supplement existing reporting sources.*

**Beginning December 15, 2015, in order to meet EHR Incentive Program requirements, EPs must be "Actively Engaged" with a registry to attest positively to meeting the objective.**

Three ways EPs are considered **Actively Engaged**:

- 1. [Register their intent](#)** to submit data to the registry within 60 days after the start of the reporting period. Once registered, EPs may be placed in a queue for testing/validation. **EPs in the queue are considered Actively Engaged.**
  - EPs that have registered in previously do not need to submit an additional registration** to meet this requirement for each EHR reporting period.
  - Before registering with the TCR, be sure to visit the [DSHS Meaningful Use](#) webpage to view information on the updated MU regulations.** The DSHS MU webpage also contains information on other Public Health Reporting options, including [Immunizations](#), [Electronic Lab Reporting](#), and [Syndromic Surveillance](#).
- 2. The EP is in the process of testing and validation of the electronic submission of data.** Once an EP has been invited to test by the TCR, they must respond promptly. Once testing criteria are passed, the EP will be moved into production.
- 3. Submitting data regularly** into the production environment (ongoing submission).