

**Subpart A—General Provisions****§ 170.100 Statutory basis and purpose.**

The provisions of this subchapter implement sections 3001(c)(5) and 3004 of the Public Health Service Act.

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**§ 170.101 Applicability.**

The standards, implementation specifications, and certification criteria adopted in this part apply to Complete EHRs and EHR Modules and the testing and certification of such Complete EHRs and EHR Modules.

**§ 170.102 Definitions.**

For the purposes of this part:

*2011 Edition EHR certification criteria* means the certification criteria at §§ 170.302, 170.304, and 170.306.

*2014 Edition EHR certification criteria* means the certification criteria at § 170.314.

*Base EHR* means an electronic record of health-related information on an individual that:

(1) Includes patient demographic and clinical health information, such as medical history and problem lists;

(2) Has the capacity:

(i) To provide clinical decision support;

(ii) To support physician order entry;

(iii) To capture and query information relevant to health care quality;

(iv) To exchange electronic health information with, and integrate such information from other sources;

(v) To protect the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of health information stored and exchanged; and

(3) Has been certified to the certification criteria adopted by the Secretary at: § 170.314(a)(1), (3), and (5) through (8); (b)(1), (2), and (7); (c)(1) through (3); (d)(1) through (8).

(4) Has been certified to the certification criteria at § 170.314(c)(1) and (2):

(i) For no fewer than 9 clinical quality measures covering at least 3 domains from the set selected by CMS for eligible professionals, including at least 6 clinical quality measures from the recommended core set identified by CMS; or

(ii) For no fewer than 16 clinical quality measures covering at least 3

domains from the set selected by CMS for eligible hospitals and critical access hospitals.

*Certification criteria* means criteria:

(1) To establish that health information technology meets applicable standards and implementation specifications adopted by the Secretary; or

(2) That are used to test and certify that health information technology includes required capabilities.

*Certified EHR Technology* means:

(1) For any Federal fiscal year (FY) or calendar year (CY) up to and including 2014:

(i) A Complete EHR that meets the requirements included in the definition of a Qualified EHR and has been tested and certified in accordance with the certification program established by the National Coordinator as having met all applicable certification criteria adopted by the Secretary for the 2011 Edition EHR certification criteria or the equivalent 2014 Edition EHR certification criteria;

(ii) A combination of EHR Modules in which each constituent EHR Module of the combination has been tested and certified in accordance with the certification program established by the National Coordinator as having met all applicable certification criteria adopted by the Secretary for the 2011 Edition EHR certification criteria or the equivalent 2014 Edition EHR certification criteria, and the resultant combination also meets the requirements included in the definition of a Qualified EHR; or

(iii) EHR technology that satisfies the definition for FY and CY 2015 and subsequent years specified in paragraph (2) of this definition;

(2) For FY and CY 2015 and subsequent years, the following: EHR technology certified under the ONC HIT Certification Program to the 2015 Edition EHR certification criteria that has:

(i) The capabilities required to meet the Base EHR definition; and

(ii) All other capabilities that are necessary to meet the objectives and associated measures under 42 CFR 495.6 and successfully report the clinical quality measures selected by CMS in the form and manner specified by CMS (or the States, as applicable) for the