

Merit-Based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) Advancing Care Information Performance Category Measure

Objective:	Coordination of Care through Patient Engagement
Measure:	Secure Messaging For at least one unique patient seen by the MIPS eligible clinician during the performance period, a secure message was sent using the electronic messaging function of CEHRT to the patient (or the patient-authorized representative), or in response to a secure message sent by the patient (or the patient-authorized representative).

Reporting Requirements

NUMERATOR/DENOMINATOR

- **NUMERATOR:** The number of patients in the denominator for whom a secure electronic message is sent to the patient (or patient-authorized representative) or in response to a secure message sent by the patient (or patient-authorized representative), during the performance period.
- **DENOMINATOR:** Number of unique patients seen by the MIPS eligible clinician during the performance period.

Scoring Information

BASE SCORE/PERFORMANCE SCORE/BONUS SCORE

- Required for Base Score (50%): **No**
- Percentage of Performance Score (up to 90%): **Up to 10%**
- No bonus points available.

Note: Eligible clinicians must earn the full base score in order to earn any score in the Advancing Care Information performance category. In addition to the base score, eligible clinicians have the opportunity to earn additional credit through a performance score and the bonus score.

Regulatory References

- For further discussion, please see the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015 (MACRA) final rule: [81 FR 77228](#).
- In order to meet this objective and measure, MIPS eligible clinician must use the capabilities and standards of CEHRT as defined at § at 45 CFR 170.315(e)(1)(2) and (3).

Certification and Standards Criteria

Below is the corresponding certification and standards criteria for electronic health record technology that supports achieving the meaningful use of this measure.

Certification Criteria*	
§ 170.315(e)(2) Patient Engagement	(2) Secure messaging. Enable a user to send messages to, and receive messages from, a patient in a secure manner.

**Depending on the type of certification issued to the EHR technology, it will also have been certified to the certification criterion adopted at 45 CFR 170.314 (g)(1), (g)(2), or both, in order to assist in the calculation of this meaningful use measure.*

Standards Criteria	
§ 170.204(a)	Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.0, Level A Conformance (incorporated by reference in § 170.299).
§ 170.210(f)	Any encryption and hashing algorithm identified by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) as an approved security function in Annex A of the FIPS Publication 140-2 (incorporated by reference in § 170.299).
§ 170.205(a)(3)	HL7 Implementation Guide for CDA® Release 2: IHE Health Story Consolidation, (incorporated by reference in §170.299). The use of the “unstructured document” document-level template is prohibited.

§ 170.202(a)	ONC Applicability Statement for Secure Health Transport, Version 1.0 (incorporated by reference in §170.299).
§ 170.210(g)	The date and time recorded utilize a system clock that has been synchronized following (RFC 1305) Network Time Protocol, (incorporated by reference in §170.299) or (RFC 5905) Network Time Protocol Version 4, (incorporated by reference in §170.299).

Additional certification criteria may apply. Review the [ONC 2015 Edition Final Rule](#) for more information.