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NPRM Comment Period Now Open: Submit by July 21, 2014

CMS and ONC invite the public to [submit comments](#) on the recently released [notice of proposed rulemaking \(NPRM\)](#) that would allow providers participating in the EHR Incentive Programs to use the 2011 Edition or 2014 Edition of certified electronic health record technology (CEHRT) for the 2014 reporting year.

Comments [must be received](#) by **July 21, 2014** to be considered.

About the NPRM

If finalized, the proposal would allow providers to meet Stage 1 or Stage 2 of meaningful use with EHRs certified to the 2011 or 2014 Edition criteria or a combination of both Editions.

Beginning in 2015, all eligible providers would be required to report using 2014 Edition CEHRT.

2014 Participation Options

If finalized, this proposal will provide participation options that vary by a provider's stage of meaningful use and by their CEHRT Edition selection.

<u>2011 CEHRT</u>

Providers in Stage 1 or 2:

- 2013 Definition Stage 1 objectives and 2013 CQMs

Combination of 2011 & 2014 CEHRT

Providers in Stage 1:

- 2013 Definition Stage 1 objectives and 2013 CQMs; or
- 2014 Definition Stage 1 objectives and 2014 CQMs

Providers in Stage 2:

- 2013 Definition Stage 1 objectives and 2013 CQMs; or
- 2014 Definition Stage 1 objectives and 2014 CQMs; or
- 2014 Definition Stage 2 objectives and 2014 CQMs

2014 CEHRT

Providers in Stage 1:

- 2014 Definition Stage 1 objectives and 2014 CQMs

Providers in Stage 2:

- 2014 Definition Stage 2 objectives and 2014 CQMs; or
- 2014 Definition Stage 1 objectives and 2014 CQMs

Extending Stage 2

The proposed rule also includes a provision that would formalize CMS and ONC's [recommended timeline](#) to extend Stage 2 through 2016. If finalized, the earliest a provider would participate in Stage 3 of meaningful use would be 2017.

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