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Subject: EHR Incentive Program Public Health Reporting Menu Set Objectives

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How should Eligible Professionals in the Maryland Medicaid EHR Incentive Program select menu set objectives to meet Meaningful Use Stage 1?

According to [CMS-0044-F](#) and effective program year 2014 and onwards, “Meeting an exclusion for a menu set objective does not count towards the number of menu set objectives that must be satisfied to meet meaningful use.”¹

Because Eligible Professionals must select at least one public health objective when attesting for Meaningful Use Stage 1 and because public health reporting objectives are menu set objectives, all Eligible Professionals must either:

1. Meet a public health objective and report on other menu set objectives until the total required number of menu set objectives are met;
2. Claim exclusions from both public health menu set objectives and report on other menu set objectives until you meet the required number of objectives; or
3. Claim exclusions from all menu set objectives that allow exclusions and report on the remaining non-excluded menu set objectives.

¹ “Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Electronic Health Record Initiative Program—Stage 2” page 53979