

Objectives that allow action to occur outside of the 90-day EHR Reporting Period

Modified Stage 2 and Stage 3 have objectives that require action that can occur before, during or after the MU reporting period of 90 days but within the calendar year of each Program Year. Each objective's specification sheet lists the information under the 'Additional Information' section of any objective that allows this.

In order to provide the necessary documentation to support inclusion of the data, the EHRIP Team requests a data file that verifies that the action that occurred outside the EHR Reporting period during the calendar year is valid for a patient seen during the 90-day EHR reporting period. For guidance on documenting and reporting data, please contact the Vermont Medicaid EHRIP Team: ahs.dvhaEHRIP@vermont.gov

The following objectives for **Modified Stage 2** in Program Years 2017 and 2018 include this option (click the Objective heading to link to the CMS specification sheet):

[Objective 1 - Protect Patient Health Information](#)

It is acceptable for the security risk analysis to be conducted outside the 90 day MU reporting period; however, the analysis must be unique for each program year and must be conducted within the calendar year of the application year (January 1st – December 31st).

[Objective 5 - Health Information Exchange](#)

This exchange may occur before, during, or after the 90 day MU reporting period. However, it must occur within the calendar year in which the MU reporting period occurs to count in the numerator.

[Objective 6 - Patient-Specific Education](#)

This exchange may occur before, during, or after the 90 day MU reporting period. However, it must occur within the calendar year in which the MU reporting period occurs to count in the numerator.

[Objective 8 – Patient Electronic Access; Measure 2 – Patient View/Download/Transmit](#)

For Measure 2, the patient action may occur before, during, or after the 90 day MU reporting period. However, it must occur within the calendar year in which the MU reporting period occurs to count in the numerator.

[Objective 9 - Secure Electronic Messaging](#)

The patient action may occur before, during, or after the 90 day MU reporting period. However, it must occur within the calendar year in which the MU reporting period occurs to count in the numerator.

Attesting to **Stage 3** criteria is an option in Program Years 2017 and 2018 for those providers who have upgraded their CEHRT to the 2015 edition, or a combination of 2014/2015 editions that supports Stage 3. The following objectives for **Stage 3** include this option:

[Objective 5 – Patient Electronic Access to Health Information, Measure 2 eAccess to Patient-Specific Education](#)

For Measure 2, beginning in 2017, actions included in the numerator must occur within the calendar year in which the 90 day MU reporting period occurs to count in the numerator.

[Objective 6 – Coordination of Care through Patient Engagement](#)

For the numerator for measures 1 and 2, beginning in 2017, the action must occur within the calendar year in which the 90 day MU reporting period occurs to count in the numerator.

[Objective 7 - Health Information Exchange](#)

For measure 1, beginning in 2017 in order to count in the numerator, the exchange must occur within the calendar year in which the 90 day MU reporting period occurs to count in the numerator.