

## Modified Stage 2 Objective 4: Electronic Prescribing

**Objective:** Generate and transmit permissible prescriptions electronically (eRx).

**Measure:** **More than 50 percent** of all permissible prescriptions, or all prescriptions, written by the EP **are queried for a drug formulary and transmitted electronically** using Certified EHR Technology.

**Exclusions:**

1. Any EP who writes fewer than 100 permissible prescriptions during the EHR reporting period; or
2. Any EP who does not have a pharmacy within their organization and there are no pharmacies that accept electronic prescriptions within 10 miles of the EP's practice location at the start of his or her EHR reporting period.

**Measure at a Glance**

**Type:** calculated percentage

**Denominator:** number of prescriptions written for drugs requiring a prescription in order to be dispensed

**Numerator:** number of prescriptions in the denominator generated, queried for a drug formulary and transmitted electronically using CEHRT

**Duration:** calculated over the entire EHR reporting period

[CMS Specification Sheet](#)

**TennCare Notes** - This objective and measure aligns with Core Measure 4 from Stage 1. Note in Stage 2 the threshold increased to 50 percent from 40 percent with an additional specification. All prescriptions are now queried for a drug formulary, and implementing a drug formulary check was previously an option with Stage 1, Menu Measure 1. There are two possible exclusions for this measure.

**Relevant CMS FAQs**

[2763](#): explaining "permissible prescriptions"

[2939](#): meeting the measure when there is an internal pharmacy

[2857](#): using intermediary networks that convert prescriptions to a computer-based fax

[3077](#): describing limitations for patients seen at a non-EHR technology site and entered into the EHR later (Keyword phrase: "it is unlikely that CPOE could occur").

**Additional Resources** - Review the [Schedule II-V](#) restrictions by which "permissible prescriptions" are defined. (As in the technical specification: "Any prescription not subject to these restrictions" would be permissible.)