Staged for Success: Stage 3 Computerized Provider Order Entry

What is Computerized Provider Order Entry?

Computerized Provider Order Entry (CPOE) of medication, laboratory, and diagnostic imaging orders describes a provider’s use of computer assistance to directly enter medical orders from a computer or mobile device. To successfully meet the associated Stage 3 measure of the Medicaid Promoting Interoperability Program, more than 60% of all medication, laboratory, and diagnostic imaging orders created by the eligible professional (EP) during the EHR reporting period must be recorded using computerized provider order entry.

Important Points to Consider

- To count in the numerator, the CPOE function must be used to create the first record of the order in the patient’s medical record and before any action can be taken on the order, except in emergent circumstances.
- Orders entered by credentialed staff on behalf of an EP can count towards this measure. The EP is responsible for determining the proper credentialing, training, and duties of the staff entering orders. Credentialing must be obtained from an organization other than the organization employing the EP’s staff.
- Though not required to receive credit for these measures, CPOE orders may also directly transmit to the servicing location, as determined by the functionality available in the EP’s EHR (i.e., a laboratory order may or may not be sent directly to the lab electronically, depending on enabled EHR functionality).
- The Stage 3 diagnostic imaging CPOE measure expands the previous radiology CPOE measure to include other imaging tests such as ultrasound, magnetic resonance, and computed tomography in addition to traditional radiology.
- Exclusions are available for EPs issuing less than 100 orders of each type during the reporting period.

Stage 3 Requires 2015 CEHRT!