ONC Health IT Certification Program

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Subject: Removal and retirement of 2014 Edition certification criteria and related standards, terms and requirements.

Per the 21st Century Cure Act: Interoperability, Information Blocking, and the ONC Health IT Certification Program Final Rule, effective June 30, 2020, the 2014 Edition certification criteria and related standards, terms and requirements have been removed from the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) (77 FR 54163, 79 FR 54429) (See Table 1).

Table 1

Removal of 2014 Edition Programmatic Effects	
Terms Removed from CFR	• "2014 Edition Base EHR" • "2014 Edition EHR certification criteria" • "Complete EHR, 2014 Edition"
Common Clinical Data Set (CCDS)	• Removal of references to the 2014 Edition from CCDS • Replace CCDS with United States Core Data for Interoperability (USCDI)
Standards and Implementation Specifications	Removed: §§ 170.200, 170.202, 170.204, 170.205, 170.207, 170.210, 170.299
Other Requirements	Removed: • § 170.550(f) • All other requirements in subpart E, §§ 170.500 through 1170.599

As such, the ONC Health IT Certification Program provides the following guidance:

• ONC shall archive the 2014 Edition Test Method (test procedures, tools and data). The 2014 Edition certified products will be marked as "retired" on the Certified Health IT Product List

(CHPL). In addition, the CMS ID Creator logic will remove 2014 Edition and hybrid 2014/2015 generation of CMS EHR Certification IDs. Previously generated CMS IDs using 2014 Edition and hybrid 2014/2015 listings can be validated using the CMS ID Reverse Lookup tool on the CHPL.

- ONC-Authorized Testing Laboratories (ONC-ATLs) will no longer test products for conformance to the 2014 Edition certification criteria. The 2014 Edition criteria should be removed from the ATL's scope of accreditation for testing activities under the ONC Health IT Certification Program.

- ONC-Authorized Certification Bodies (ACBs) shall begin working with their clients to "retire" the 2014 Edition certifications they have granted and thus ceasing certification body responsibilities, such as surveillance. They should strongly encourage these developers to communicate this action to their clients with 2014 Edition certified products. The 2014 Edition criteria should be removed from the ACB's scope of accreditation for certification activities under the ONC Health IT Certification Program.

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