



County of Sacramento

Public Health Reporting Exclusion Letter November 23, 2015

Sacramento County Providers

The Sacramento County, Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health is committed to helping Sacramento County providers and hospitals achieve meaningful use (MU) as defined by the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health (HITECH) Act. The HITECH Act authorizes the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to make incentive payments to eligible professionals and eligible hospitals demonstrating meaningful use of certified Electronic Health Record (EHR) technology.

Stage 1 MU includes demonstration of submissions of electronic data for immunizations, laboratory results and syndromic surveillance. Providers newly participating in MU must demonstrate two consecutive years of Stage 1 criteria before advancing to Stage 2 criteria in their third year. Stage 2 MU applies to 2015-2017. Stage 3 MU applies to 2018 and later, with submitters having the option to early adopt Stage 3 MU in 2017. CMS issued combined [revised Stage 2 and Stage 3 MU rules](#).

Immunization Reporting

Sacramento County currently has the capacity to receive electronic data for immunizations through the California Immunization Registry (CAIR). Providers can register at the California Department of Public Health's (CDPH) Health Information Exchange (HIE) [Gateway](#). Sacramento County health care providers that do not provide immunization services can use this letter to claim exclusion for their public health MU measure attestation for immunization reporting.

Electronic Lab Reporting (ELR)

Sacramento County currently has the capacity to receive electronic data for laboratory results through the CDPH California Reportable Disease Information Exchange (CalREDIE) ELR. Laboratories can register at the [CDPH HIE Gateway](#).

Cancer Case Reporting and Specialized Registries

Physician offices can register and enroll at the [CDPH HIE Gateway](#) to report cancer-related information. Sacramento County does not maintain any other specialized disease registries.

Syndromic Surveillance Reporting

Sacramento County currently only has the capacity to receive electronic syndrome data for hospital emergency departments through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) National Syndromic Surveillance Program (NSSP) BioSense 2.0 Platform. Emergency departments interested in submitting syndrome data can contact

Jamie White at whiteja@saccounty.net for more information. Non-emergency department health care providers may use this letter to claim exclusion for their public health MU attestation for syndromic surveillance reporting for years 2015 and 2016. Sacramento County may expand its capacity to accept syndromic surveillance data from additional providers in the future.

Sacramento County strongly recommends continuation of Stage 1 and Stage 2 meaningful use provider activities in preparation for Stage 3 of meaningful use as defined by the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC).

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Olivia Kasirye MD in black ink.

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