

Stage 1 Meaningful EHR Use via RevolutionEHR Core 3 – Maintain Problem List

Overview

Any medical recordkeeping system should provide doctor and staff with a summary list of a patient's current and active medical diagnoses, called "problems" within the MU rules. EHR technology is expected to maintain an up-to-date list of diagnoses that may be populated based upon the patient's historical care within the clinic, or any diagnoses obtained from previous records, information sent by other providers, or by patient self-reporting.

MU Objective and Calculation

The objective is to have more than 80 percent of patients seen in the reporting period have at least one entry in the diagnosis/problem list, or an indication of no problems are known, recorded as structured data.

Denominator for calculation: Number of unique patients seen by provider in reporting period

Numerator for calculation: Number of patients in denominator who have at least one entry in the master Diagnosis list, or an indication of no active diagnoses

Meaningful Use Discussion

CMS qualifies the diagnoses that are to be maintained as "relevant to the current care of the patient." Eye care providers might deem some but not all of a patient's systemic conditions as relevant, and enter them into a master diagnosis list, even if the condition is not managed by the ECP.

In RevolutionEHR, users can enter any medical diagnosis in the Diagnosis History component of the patient record as long as the diagnosis has an associated ICD-9 code. The requirement for MU is that the data is entered in a structured format, not in free form text entry.

When a user enters a diagnosis code during a patient encounter on the Assessment screen using the Add button in the Today's Dx section, the Master Problem List is updated and date stamped for that condition. A user can also modify the Master Problem List outside of a patient encounter by making entries directly into the Diagnosis History component of the patient record. In either location within the patient record, a patient has no known active diagnoses should have that checkbox checked.

Finally, it is not required that the diagnosis list be updated every time the patient is seen as long as the diagnosis list is available and has proper entries, even those previously entered.

Conclusion

RevolutionEHR supports the use of Master Problem Lists for diagnoses for a given patient. Meeting this objective is not expected to be difficult if users are entering diagnosis codes for each patient encounter.