

## Stage 1 Meaningful EHR Use via RevolutionEHR

### Core 5 – Maintain Medication List

#### Overview

Any medical recordkeeping system should provide doctor and staff with a summary list of a patient's current medications within the MU rules. EHR technology is expected to maintain an up-to-date list of medications that may be populated based upon the provider's care of the patient within the clinic, obtained from previous records or 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 medication list, or an indication of no current medications, 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 medication list, or an indication of no active medications

#### Meaningful Use Discussion

CMS defines the medication list as "a list of medications that a given patient is currently taking." Eye care providers commonly document medications taken by the patient, even if the medication is not prescribed by the ECP.

In RevolutionEHR, users can enter any medication that is in the supplied FDA drug database. The requirement for MU is that the data is entered in a structured format, which is how RevolutionEHR allows entries, as opposed to free text. Entering any General Medication Category item into the list will not count because it is not considered a structured format. Medications are entered as "External" for those that are not prescribed by providers within the clinic, and "Internal" for those prescribed by RevolutionEHR users.

When a user enters a medication in the system or by integrated e-Prescribing, the Medication List is updated. A user can modify the Medication List outside of a patient encounter by making entries directly into the Rx component of the patient record. In both circumstances, if a patient has no known active medications, that checkbox can be checked. Any medication must be active during the reporting period to be counted in the calculations.

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

#### Conclusion

RevolutionEHR supports the use of a Medication List to document all medications for a given patient. Meeting this objective is not expected to be difficult if users are entering medications for each patient encounter.