

## Stage 1 Meaningful EHR Use via RevolutionEHR Core 7 – Record Demographics

### Overview

EHR technology is expected to have a standardized set of patient demographics recorded. Users are expected to document these patient attributes: preferred language, gender, race, ethnicity, and date of birth.

### MU Objective and Calculation

The objective is to have more than 50 percent of patients seen in the reporting period have demographics 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 all of the elements of demographics recorded

*EXCLUSION: An exclusion is allowed if a patient declined to provide one or more elements, or if recording an element is contrary to state law*

### Meaningful Use Discussion

The documentation of a patient's date of birth and gender are typically standard. RevolutionEHR requires entries for both of these for a patient record to be created.

The documentation of preferred language is done to capture the patient's preference for communication. However, the provider is not required to communicate with the patient in the preferred language in order to meet the measure of this objective.

The documentation of a patient's race and ethnicity should follow the current federal standards. CMS provides a standard in its documentation. RevolutionEHR has had a listing within dropdowns for both Race and Ethnicity, and it is recommended that users edit those lists to meet the CMS objective.

Documentation of Race based upon the federal standards should be captured as one of these: American Indian or Alaska Native, Asian, Black or African American, Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, White, or Other Race. Documentation of Ethnicity should be captured as one of these: Hispanic or Latino, or Not Hispanic or Latino. Entries should be included for Patient Declined in each list by adding that selection within the Administration section. Patients who do not know their ethnicity should be treated as those who declined to provide this information.

### Conclusion

Meeting this objective is not expected to be difficult if users establish standards for documenting all five of the required demographic attributes.