

**Interoperability Physician Reporting Workgroup
North American Association of Central Cancer Registries (NAACCR)**

**Identification of State Electronic Health Record (EHR) Vendors
Physician Reporting Planning Document**

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Background

Preparing for national implementation of physician cancer reporting via electronic health record records (EHR) requires state cancer registries to identify electronic health record vendors active in their respective states (or other geographic location), their cancer-specific products/EHR modules, software version(s), and whether or not the EHR software is certified. Identifying this information is critical in determining necessary resources for implementing new physician reporters, their ability and the methods available to securely transmit data, testing and approving data submissions, and effectively communicating national and registry-specific cancer reporting requirements.

Identification of State EHR Vendors

The NAACCR External Partnerships Physician Reporting workgroup considers the following methods and entities as critical for identifying pertinent state EHR vendors and facilitating successful physician EHR reporting for both overall cancer reporting and Stage 2 Meaningful Use.

Links to the organizations to assist with background information and/or locating your state-level entities are provided wherever possible.

Primary Methods

- Surveys— many state entities (e.g., medical associations, offices of e-Health, Medicaid agencies, immunizations registries, Regional Extension Centers, Regional Health Information Organizations) are conducting Health Information Technology (HIT) surveys that provide helpful planning information, such as
 - The extent to which physicians are adopting both EHR and certified EHR technology
 - EHR vendors' physicians
 - Barriers and challenges for physicians adopting EHRs
 - Costs associated with adopting EHRs
 - Descriptive information about the physicians who are adopting EHRs, such as specialties and geographic distribution

Where these HIT surveys are not already conducted or readily available, some state registries may want to consider conducting their own targeted survey to assist in planning for physician reporting.

- Contacting External Partners via Non-Survey Methods—external partners already engaged in physician reporting may also maintain lists of EHR vendors and their software that can assist cancer registries. Introductory and/or regular occurring meetings with these partners could help in gathering and maintaining current state-specific EHR information. For a complete explanation of these external partners, see the NAACCR “Identification of Critical External Partnerships Physician Reporting Planning Document.”
 - State and Local Medical Associations/Societies
 - [Physician Office Manager Association](#)
 - [Regional Extension Centers](#)
 - [Health Information Exchange\(s\)](#) (HIEs) and Regional Health Information Organizations (RHIOs)
 - [Immunization Registries](#)
 - [State Medicaid Programs](#)
 - [State HIT Coordinators](#)

- Registration— state cancer registries may want to implement a registration or pre-registration process for new physician reporters, prior to agreeing to data file testing and approval for ongoing submission. In the registration and/or pre-registration process, EHR identification can take place through a standard set of questions, such as the name of the EHR vendor, software product, and version (add EHR certification number).

- Certified Health IT Product List—The Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) web site provides a [Certified Health IT Product List](#) for identifying certified electronic health record technology that must be used by eligible health care providers, in order to qualify for meaningful use incentive payments. It should be noted that many physicians are in the process of changing their EHRs, in order to meet this requirement. Registries should periodically check the Certified Health IT Product list for newly certified EHRs.