

**Oregon Public Health Meaningful Use Exclusion
Letter: Oregon ESSENCE**

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To whom it may concern:

The State of Oregon's Public Health Division is the sole Public Health Authority accepting data for public health Meaningful Use measures in Oregon and is making the declaration of readiness for accepting syndromic surveillance data for the entire state.

Currently, the Oregon Public Health Division is currently ready to accept urgent care and emergency department data from Eligible Hospitals (EHs) *with* emergency departments or Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs) *with* emergency departments for the purposes of satisfying Stage 1 or Stage 2 criteria for Meaningful Use.

The following healthcare entities may not send syndromic data to the State of Oregon for Stages 1 and 2 of Meaningful Use:

- Eligible Providers (EPs)
- EHs or CAHs *without* emergency departments

There are no plans to collect data from these entities at present, although we encourage Meaningful Use participants in Oregon to check the www.healthoregon.org/essence website for updates about participating in syndromic surveillance in Oregon when Stage 3 rules are released.

Sincerely,



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