

This information is for Eligible Hospitals (EHs), Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs) or Eligible Professionals (EPs) seeking direction on how to submit test messages for purposes of meeting Stage 1 Public Health Meaningful Use attestation requirements.

Meaningful Use provisions of the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health (HITECH) Act were enacted as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009. Under this Act, EHs, CAHs, and EPs that provide clinical services to Medicare and Medicaid patients and commence the transmission of electronic health data are eligible to receive Meaningful Use financial incentives from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. The Public Health Objectives for electronic data transmissions in Stage 1 of Meaningful Use include one or more of immunization data, syndromic surveillance data, and electronic laboratory for EHs and CAHs, and one or both of immunization data and syndromic surveillance data for EPs.

To meet Stage 1 Meaningful Use requirements, EHs and CAHs should have fulfilled one or more Public Health objectives by September 30, 2012. EPs must complete one or more Public Health objectives by December 31, 2012.

The Tehama County Local Health Department (LHD) is the Public Health Division of the Tehama County Health Services. This LHD does not have the capacity to receive electronic syndromic surveillance data, electronic immunization data, or electronic laboratory reporting data.

To submit text messages for syndromic surveillance data: This LHD does not have the ability to receive syndromic surveillance messages. EHs, CAHs, or EPs should satisfy the reporting of immunization or laboratory data (provided below).

To submit text messages for immunization data: Consult the California Immunization Registry (CAIR) website located at: <http://cairweb.org/cair-regions/> to identify your region. After EHs, CAHs, or EPs determine their regions, go to the Data Exchange Tech Support page at <http://cairweb.org/data-exchange-tech-support/> to obtain the name of the regional Data Exchange representative you should contact in regards to the submission of test data. Currently, all state CAIR regions are able to receive immunization test data. Upon submission of a test message, the submitter will receive a confirmation notice from CAIR. If the CAIR registry is unable to process the test message, they will provide the submitter with an exclusion notice.

To submit text messages for laboratory reporting data: Consult the California Reportable Disease Information Exchange (CalREDIE) website at <http://www.cdph.ca.gov/data/informatics/tech/Pages/CalREDIEELR.aspx> for guidance on how to submit a test message. Upon submission of a test message, the submitter will receive an electronic confirmation notice from CalREDIE. CalREDIE is currently able to receive electronic transmissions of laboratory data for most of the Title 17 reportable disease list data. Exceptions include HIV and reportable cancers. **Please note that EPs cannot choose the Electronic Laboratory Reporting requirement to fulfill Meaningful Use.**

(HITECH The public health objectives for electronic data transmission in Stage 1 of Meaningful Use include one or more of Immunization data, Syndromic Surveillance data, and Electronic Laboratory data for Eligible Hospitals and Critical Access)