



## Florida's Prescription Drug Monitoring Program

### MEANINGFUL USE STAGE 2 SPECIALIZED REGISTRY

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 aims to accelerate the adoption of health information technology through the federal incentive program commonly referred to as Meaningful Use (MU). MU provides incentive payments to eligible professionals (EP) and eligible hospitals (EH) that are able to demonstrate the “meaningful use” of electronic health records technology. EPs and EHs must demonstrate MU through a number of objectives. A small portion of those objectives are related to reporting data to public health agencies.

Florida's Prescription Drug Monitoring Program, E-FORCSE, maintained by the Florida Department of Health (FDOH) meets the definition of a specialized registry. EPs can meet the MU Stage 2 Specialized Registry objective by complying with one of the following:

1. EPs may **submit** patient specific controlled substance dispensing information electronically to E-FORCSE; or
2. EPs may electronically **retrieve** patient specific controlled substance dispensing information from E-FORCSE.

There are no certification and standards criteria specified in the Office of National Coordinator for Health Information Technology 2014 Edition Electronic Health Record (EHR) Technology Certification Criteria corresponding to this particular objective.<sup>1</sup> Therefore, to meet this objective, the EPs would need to: (1) electronically submit dispensing data using the American Society for Automation in Pharmacy (ASAP version 4.2) standards, specifications, and vocabularies required by E-FORCSE; or (2) register with E-FORCSE and retrieve patient specific controlled substance dispensing information. To register to submit or retrieve patient specific controlled substance dispensing information, go to [www.hidesigns.com/flpdmp](http://www.hidesigns.com/flpdmp).

The [Medicare and Medicaid EHR Incentive Programs](#) will provide EHR incentive payments to EPs as they adopt, implement, upgrade, or demonstrate meaningful use of certified electronic health record technology (CEHRT). EPs need to successfully attest to demonstrating MU of certified EHRs to qualify for an incentive payment through the [Medicare EHR Incentive Program administered by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services \(CMS\)](#).

E-FORCSE encourages all health care practitioners to enroll and utilize the information maintained in its database to protect patients' health and safety, while supporting sound clinical prescribing, dispensing, and improving health outcomes. Information retrieved from the database can help identify sources of prescription drug diversion such as prescription fraud, forgeries, and improper prescribing and dispensing. For more information about enrolling or reporting controlled substance dispensing data to E-FORCSE for MU contact E-FORCSE at [e-forcse@FLHealth.gov](mailto:e-forcse@FLHealth.gov).

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<sup>1</sup> Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, retrieved 12/17/15 from <https://questions.cms.gov/faq.php?id=5005&faqlid=11988>

