

I'm a solo practitioner not currently participating in Meaningful Use (MU), how do I avoid penalties in the future?

Eligible Professionals (EPs) who did not report data for 2014 will receive a 2% penalty in 2016, but may avoid a 3% penalty in 2017. In order to do this, those new to the program must demonstrate meaningful use for 90 consecutive days in 2015 in order to avoid a 2017 penalty. EP's should consult the CMS website for details on the [current definitions of Stage 1](#). The definitions may vary based upon the CEHRT status of the EHR system being used. As of April 15, 2015, CMS had not yet set the deadline for reporting 2015 data. The original deadline for reporting in 2014 was October 1, and it is highly likely October 1 will be the deadline for 2015 reporting.