

## **Alabama Department of Public Health Declaration of Readiness**

### **Cancer Reporting**

ADPH is currently accepting Cancer reporting from Eligible Professionals (EP) for Meaningful Use Stage 2. EP's are required to generate and transmit these reports to the State of Alabama in a valid Health Level 7 Clinical Document Architecture, Release 2 (HL7 CDA R2) cancer event report. The message must comply with the guide specified in the ONC Final Rule and ADPH's Supplemental Guide. Standard vocabularies are required. The method of transport for Cancer messages is SOAP/HTTPS.

### **Electronic Laboratory Reporting**

ADPH is currently accepting Electronic Laboratory Reporting (ELR) from Eligible Hospitals (EH) for Meaningful Use Stage 1 and Stage 2. EHs are required to generate and transmit reportable lab results to the State of Alabama in HL7 2.5.1 format. The message must comply with the ELR HL7 2.5.1 Guide specified in the ONC Final Rule and ADPH's Supplemental Guide. Standard vocabularies like LOINC and SNOMED CT are required. The method of transport for ELR messages is SOAP/HTTPS.

### **Immunization Reporting**

ADPH is currently accepting Immunization messages from Eligible Hospitals (EH) and Eligible Professionals (EP) for Meaningful Use Stage 1 and Stage 2. The format required to submit messages to the State of Alabama is HL7 2.5.1. The message must comply with the Immunization HL7 2.5.1 Guide specified in the ONC Final Rule and ADPH's Supplemental Guide. Standard vocabularies such as CVX coding are required and incorrect messages will be rejected. The method of transport for Immunization messages is SOAP/HTTPS.

### **Syndromic Surveillance**

ADPH is capable of accepting syndromic surveillance (SS) data from the Emergency Departments of Eligible Hospitals (EHs) and Eligible Professionals (EPs) within Urgent Care settings. Although ADPH is NOT currently accepting SS data from non-Emergency Departments or non-Urgent Care settings, we encourage EPs to register on our MU Web site for the latest information. If this policy changes in the future, ADPH will notify you through the MU Web site. Public Health is not responsible for providing exclusion letters for EPs from non-Emergency Departments or non-Urgent Care settings. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) will determine whether or not the exclusion is warranted.

EHs and EPs are required to generate and transmit Admission, Discharge, Transfer (ADT) HL7 2.5.1 messages that comply with the standard SS HL7 2.5.1 Guide specified in the ONC Final Rule and ADPH's Supplemental Guide. ADPH utilizes CDC's BioSense 2.0 software for SS, so the EH/EP will interface directly with BioSense 2.0. The method of transport for SS messages is the secure File Transfer Protocol (sFTP).

### **NIST 2014 Meaningful Use Test Tools**

Eligible Hospitals and Eligible Professionals must utilize the NIST (National Institute of Standards and Technology) message validation tool prior to engaging in more in-depth testing with ADPH. Completing this step reduces onboarding time.