

## Standards Version Advancement Process (SVAP)

### *MEDITECH's Quality Reporting Notice Regarding Plans For The Office Of The National Coordinator For Health IT's SVAP*

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**October 31, 2023 - Updated 11/7/2023:** This notice is informative only and requires no action on the part of your organization. This communication notifies your organization of MEDITECH's plans to voluntarily update our certification through SVAP.

For 2023 this includes electronic clinical quality measure (eCQM) reports to the 2023 SVAP Standard related to:

- [CMS Implementation Guide for Quality Reporting Document Architecture: Category I: Hospital Quality Reporting; Implementation Guide for 2023](#)
- [CMS Implementation Guide for Quality Reporting Document Architecture Category III Eligible Clinicians and Eligible Professionals Programs Implementation Guide for 2023.](#)

MEDITECH will also SVAP to the 2020 SVAP version for Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.1. The WCAG 2.1 AA Standard is inherently built into MEDITECH's newly redesigned Patient Portal, which is currently with an Expanse early adopter. We look forward to our customer's enhanced experience under this new standard.

*\*This notice was updated on 11/7 for clarification; content remains the same.*

## Background

The Office of the National Coordinator (ONC) for Health IT [SVAP](#) provides Health IT vendors with the opportunity to *voluntarily* update health IT products certified under the ONC Health IT Certification Program to newer versions of standards beyond those adopted in regulation. Prior to SVAP, certified Health IT developers were limited to standards outlined in regulation only. By allowing developers to voluntarily adopt advanced versions of standards, SVAP introduces flexibility for progression outside of a regulation.

## How This Will Affect Customer's Real World Interoperability

Below is a summary of our certification plans for each criteria □ neither of these require action on the part of your organization.

### eCQM Reports

MEDITECH is committed to updating our quality reporting software to new standards that will support our customers in advancing data collection and submission:

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- MEDITECH annually updates our QRDA submission tools to the latest CMS QRDA implementation guides to allow our clients to submit quality measures according to CMS requirements.
- Through SVAP, we will now update our eCQM certification for all platforms. The finalized 2023 SVAP includes the updated QRDA implementation guides from CMS as the next standard for vendors to advance.

For the QRDA updates, your organization should not expect any changes to your standard annual process used. Updating to the newest version of QRDA category I and III has been a required step in order to submit Quality Reporting and Quality Payment Program (QPP) data to CMS attestation portals. MEDITECH will continue to provide updated reports coded to the current CMS QRDA version.

## Patient Portal

While MEDITECH has chosen to certify to the WCAG 2.1 AA standard, at this time there is no finalized regulation mandating use of WCAG 2.1 AA. We continue to monitor proposed regulations related to accessibility, and if finalized, we will work with organizations directly to communicate timelines and next steps to ensure compliance. As such your organization does not need to plan for any mandatory updates to your general release or Patient Portal in relation to these changes.

## Annual Certification ID

You may also be curious if this makes any changes to how you generate your annual Certification ID for attestation. *The SVAP update has no impact on the generation of your certification ID on the Certified Health IT Product List (CHPL) website-* please refer to our [CHPL guidance](#) to select your listings as you normally would. You will not need to re-generate your CHPL number after any of our SVAP changes become effective on the ONC CHPL listing.

## Support of Previous Versions

**eCQM Reports:** CMS does not allow submission of previous versions of their QRDA, as each attestation year uses the corresponding QRDA Implementation Guide. Because of this, MEDITECH does not continue to support the previous year's version. However, previous years' versions are still available in our archive and can be run by the customer if desired. We may offer limited support for older versions on a case-by-case basis for as long as the archived version is available on our website.

**Patient Portal:** MEDITECH will continue to support our current portal which uses 2015 Cures Edition that is compliant with WCAG 2.0. We have no plans at this time to cease that support

## Resources

- [HealthIT.gov SVAP](#)

## Questions

If you have any questions about this process or how it may impact your attestation, please contact the [Regulatory Mailbox](#).

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