

There has been much discussion about Meaningful Use recently, especially as the February 29 deadline of Registration of Intent approaches. The Vascular Quality Initiative®, when combined with Data Import, qualifies as a specialized registry, and we are prepared to help you meet the necessary requirements of Specialized Registry Reporting (objective 10, measure 3).

According to The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, there are three main components of Meaningful Use:

- **The use of a certified EHR in a meaningful manner.**
- **The electronic exchange of health information to improve quality of health care.**
- **The use of certified EHR technology to submit clinical quality and other measures.**

Certified EHR technology must be adopted by hospitals and providers that want to meet Meaningful Use criteria. Additionally, Meaningful Use must be shown when it comes to their electronic health records. Eligible hospitals and providers also need to report on the clinical quality measures in order to show that they are successfully meeting Meaningful Use.

In short, if a provider is a member of the VQI and also actively engaged with the Data Import (for most registries) or Data Integration Service (for Varicose Vein registry), participation in the VQI would then qualify as a specialty registry to meet the meaningful use objective of submitting data to a specialized registry.

Registration of intent to submit data to the VQI for purposes of meeting the specialized registry component of Meaningful Use is required within 60 days after the start of the EHR reporting period. The healthcare provider must enter and submit information to the VQI by February 29, 2016 for the 2016 reporting period if they meet all of the following:

- Intend to attest to the new specialized registry measure for Meaningful Use
- Meet criteria to send data to the VQI
- Have software certified for the measure (EHR packages do not always include software certified for public health measures. Additional modules may be required.)

If you plan to attest to the new specialized registry measure, you will need to register for the measure by submitting the Registration of Intent Form.

Providers who have previously registered, tested, or begun ongoing submission of data to a registry do not need to re-register their intent.

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