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[EHR Incentive Program] Does CMS require specific kind of credential or a specific organization for medical assistants to be considered credentialed and therefore able to use the CPOE function and have that count in the numerator of the CPOE measure?

CMS does not specify credentialing organizations that would qualify medical assistants under this definition. Medical assistants who are credentialed, certified, licensed, or otherwise affirmed as medical assistants by an organization other than the one which employs them can enter orders for the purpose of this objective.

[EHR Incentive Programs] Is the physician the only person who can enter information in the electronic health record (EHR) in order to qualify for the Medicare and Medicaid EHR Incentive Programs?

No. The Final Rule for the Medicare and Medicaid EHR incentive programs, specifies that in order to meet the meaningful use objective for computerized provider order entry (CPOE) for medication orders, any licensed healthcare professional can enter orders into the medical record per state, local, and professional guidelines. The remaining meaningful use objectives do not specify any requirement for who must enter information.