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## Need Assistance?

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## Flexibility Rule

OHCA is in the process of updating its EHR Attestation system to accommodate the changes outlined in the EHR Flexibility Rule which can be found at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-09-04/pdf/2014-21021.pdf>. Providers and hospitals affected by the delay in implementing a 2014 certified EHR technology (CEHRT) may begin submitting attestations on **December 18, 2014**. The flexibility rule changes are only to allow providers and hospitals affected by a delay in fully implementing a CEHRT during the 2014 program year to submit an attestation using 2011 CEHRT or a combination 2011 and 2014 CEHRT. Beginning in program year 2015, all providers and hospitals will be required to report using 2014 CEHRT.

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## New Form

In order for providers or hospitals that have been affected by the delay to fully implement a 2014 CEHRT to attest, they must complete a "Flexibility Rule Form" and submit it along with all other required documentation once the attestation has been submitted. This form can be found at the end of the attestation system pages or by accessing this link

([www.okhca.org/Flexibility\\_Rule\\_Form](http://www.okhca.org/Flexibility_Rule_Form)). This form will be used by the provider or hospital to indicate how they were affected by the delay in the implementation of 2014 CEHRT.

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## Did You Know?

Providers and hospitals attesting beyond their first year of meaningful use must attest to a full 365 days except for the 2014 program year where you will attest to a 90 day period regardless of stage or participation year. This means that if you have attested to Stage 1 for 90 days in your first participation year, that you will attest accordingly for each subsequent year; participation year 2: Stage 1—365 days, participation year 3: Stage 2—365 days (last year for hospitals), participation year 4: Stage 2—365 days, participation year 5: Stage 3—365 days (beginning in 2017), and participation year 6: Stage 3—365 days. If your fifth participation year falls prior to 2017, you will attest to a third year of Stage 2 for 365 days unless otherwise indicated by CMS.

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## Hospital Attestation Tail

For the 2014 participation year, the attestation tail period for hospitals is being extended. The last date hospitals may submit a 2014 attestation is now January 31, 2015.