ONC Health IT Certification Program
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Subject: Removal and retirement of 2011 Edition EHR certification criteria and related standards, terms and requirements.

Per the 2014 Edition Release 2 Electronic Health Record (EHR) Certification Criteria and the ONC HIT Certification Program; Regulatory Flexibilities, Improvements, and Enhanced Health Information Exchange Final Rule, effective March 1, 2015, the 2011 Edition EHR certification criteria and related standards, terms and requirements have been removed from the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) (77 FR 54430, 54447).

As such, the ONC Health IT Certification Program provides the following guidance:

- ONC and NIST shall archive the 2011 Edition Test Method (test procedures, tools and data). The CHPL will maintain the 2011 Edition certified products in an active status until 01 July 2015 so that participants programs permitting the use of 2011 products, which also require a CMS EHR Certification ID, will be able to generate these IDs. Beginning in July, these products will only be present in the CHPL download data file and will be marked as "retired."
- NVLAP Accredited Testing Laboratories (ATLs) will no longer test products for conformance to the 2011 Edition certification criteria. The 2011 Edition criteria should be removed from the ATL's scheme/scope of testing.
- ONC-Authorized Certification Bodies (ACBs) shall begin working with their clients to "retire" the 2011 Edition certifications they have granted and thus ceasing certification body responsibilities, such as surveillance. They should strongly encourage these developers to communicate this action to their clients with 2011 Edition certified products. The 2011 Edition criteria should be removed from the ACB's scheme/scope of certification.

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