Health Information Management
Stage 1 Meaningful Use Core Set
Medication Allergy List

PURPOSE: The purpose of this policy is to specify Indian Health Service (IHS) policy and procedures related to Meaningful Use Medication Allergy List.

POLICY: It is IHS policy that facilities establish both policies and procedures that pertain to the Medication Allergy List in the Resource and Patient Management System Electronic Health Record (RPMS EHR)

OBJECTIVE: Maintain an active medication allergy list.

MEASURE: More than 80% of all unique patients seen by the eligible provider (EP) or admitted to the eligible hospital's (EH) or Critical Access Hospital's (CAH) inpatient or emergency department (POS 21 or 23*) have at least one entry (or an indication that the patient has no known medication allergies) recorded as structured data.

DEFINITIONS:

> **Unique Patient**: If a patient is admitted to an EH's or CAH's inpatient or emergency department (POS 21 or 23) or seen by an EP more than once during the EHR reporting period, then for purposes of measurement that patient is only counted once in the denominator for the measure. All the measures relying on the term ''unique patient'' relate to what is contained in the patient's medical record. Not all of this information will need to be updated or even be needed by the provider at every patient encounter. This is especially true for patients whose encounter frequency is such that they would see the same provider multiple times in the same EHR reporting period.

PROCEDURES: The following procedures shall be followed by the Health Information Management professional:

1. Educate the clinician that they are responsible for the management of a current and accurate Medication Allergy List for each patient.

2. Ensure that at least one entry of an allergy or an indication that "No Known Allergies" exist for each patient.

3. A facility specific policy should be in place to notify clinical staff of maintenance of a current and accurate Medication Allergy List.

4. Generate the Problem List Allergy List (PLAL) report at least monthly to identify patient drug allergies on the patient's Problem List but not on their Allergies List.

5. Remove allergies from the Problem List and enter into the Adverse Reaction Tracking using the ALG mnemonic in the Adverse Reaction Tracking per local policy. The GMRA User key must be assigned.

*POS (Place of Service) Codes:

- **21 – Inpatient hospital**: A facility, other than psychiatric, which primarily provides diagnostic, therapeutic (both surgical and nonsurgical), and rehabilitation services by,

or under, the supervision of physicians to patients admitted for a variety of medical conditions.

- **23 – Emergency room-hospital**: A portion of a hospital where emergency diagnosis and treatment of illness or injury is provided.