Health Information Management
Stage 1 Meaningful Use Core Set
Medication List

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

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

OBJECTIVE: Maintain an active medication 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 is not currently prescribed any medication) recorded as structured data.

DEFINITIONS:

> **Unique Patient**: If a patient is admitted to an EH hospital'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. Ensure that at least one entry of a medication or an indication that the patient has "No Active Medications".

2. All medications must be entered by clinicians. PCC data entry/coders no longer enter Medications in PCC.

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

4. If outside medications are documented in a note and are not found in the Medication Tab, notify the clinician according to facility policy.

*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.