Title: The Tennessee Department of Health (TDH) has revised its Declaration of Readiness for Electronic Case Reporting (eCR) in 2022

Starting **January 2022,** TDH will accept electronic initial case report (eICR) submissions to meet the need of ECs, EHs, and EPs that are required to participate in eCR for the reporting of reportable conditions using 2015 certified electronic health record technology (CEHRT). Electronic Case Reporting (**eCR) is included as a measure in the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services’ (CMS) Promoting Interoperability (PI) and Meaningful Use (MU) Programs.** eCR is the automated generation and transmission of case reports from an electronic health record (EHR) to the public health agency’s disease surveillance system for review and action.

eCR will allow healthcare providers the opportunity to report suspected cases to TDH for further investigation using an electronic health record (EHR) system rather than manually reporting on paper and waiting on lab test results to confirm a suspected case**.** The state of Tennessee uses the HL7 electronic initial case report (eICR) standards (R1.1 and R3) for electronic case reporting (eCR) and to support the new CMS Promoting Interoperability regulations for eCR. It is these standards that we will use to eventually eliminate manual reporting requirements. We also require the use of APHL AIMS and the Reportable Condition Knowledge Management System (RCKMS) to ensure appropriate reporting.

The TDH Declaration of Readiness can be found at <https://www.tn.gov/health/cedep/meaningful-use-summary.html#readiness>. If you are interested in more information regarding other Public Health Reporting options, please visit: <https://www.tn.gov/health/cedep/meaningful-use-summary.html> or contact the TDH Partner Engagement Coordinator at MU.Health@tn.gov.