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MASSACHUSETTS REQUIRES EHR PROFICIENCY FOR PHYSICIAN LICENSURE

In December of 2014, Massachusetts finalized a **state law** that requires physicians to demonstrate proficiency in using EHRs and/or being a "meaningful user" under the Department of Health and Human Services' Meaningful Use Electronic Health Record Incentive Program ("Meaningful Use Program") as a condition of licensure.

Massachusetts' changes to the license requirements are another indication of how the Meaningful Use Program is shifting from an incentive program to a long-term compliance program. Health care providers, including those outside of Massachusetts, should weigh the importance of a compliance initiative for the Meaningful Use Program and have a firm understanding of how the Meaningful Use Program will affect clinical operations.

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