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# 42 C.F.R. § 495.302

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## Definitions.

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As used in this subpart—

*Acceptance documents* mean written evidence of satisfactory completion of an approved phase of work or contract and acceptance thereof by the State agency.

*Acquisition means* to acquire health information technology (HIT) equipment or services for the purpose of implementation and administration under this part from commercial sources or from State or local government resources.

*Acute care hospital* means a health care facility—

- (1) Where the average length of patient stay is 25 days or fewer; and
- (2) With a CMS certification number (previously known as the Medicare provider number) that has the last four digits in the series 0001-0879 or 1300-1399

*Adopt, implement or upgrade* means—

- (1) Acquire, purchase, or secure access to certified EHR technology capable of meeting meaningful use requirements;
- (2) Install or commence utilization of certified EHR technology capable of meeting meaningful use requirements; or
- (3) Expand the available functionality of certified EHR technology capable of meeting meaningful use requirements at the practice site, including staffing, maintenance, and training, or upgrade from existing EHR technology to certified EHR technology per the ONC EHR certification criteria.
- (4) For payment year 2014, the references to “certified EHR technology” in paragraphs (1) through (3) of this definition are deemed to be references to paragraph (2) of the definition of “Certified EHR Technology” under 45 CFR 170.102 (that is, the definition of “Certified EHR Technology” for FY and CY 2015 and subsequent years).

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