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§170.315(d)(5) Automatic access time-out

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Testing components

Attestation: As of September 21, 2017, the testing approach for this criterion is satisfied by attestation.

The archived version of the Test Procedure is attached below for reference.

System Under Test

The health IT developer will attest directly to the ONC-ACB to conformance with the §170.315(d)(5) *Automatic access time-out* requirements.

ONC-ACB Verification

The ONC-ACB verifies the health IT developer attests conformance to the §170.315(d)(5) *Automatic access time-out* requirements.

Archived Version:

§170.315(d)(5) Test Procedure

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regulatory intent please consult the [Certification Regulations page](#) for links to all ONC final rules or consult other regulatory references as noted. The CCG is for public use and should not be sold or redistributed.

The below table outlines whether this criterion has additional Maintenance of Certification dependencies, update requirements and/or eligibility for standards updates via SVAP. Review the Certification Dependencies and Required Update Deadline drop-downs above if this table indicates “yes” for any field.

<u>Base EHR Definition</u>	<u>Real World Testing</u>	<u>Insights Condition</u>	<u>SVAP</u>	<u>Requires Updates</u>
Not Included	No	No	No	No

Certification Requirements

Technical Explanations and Clarifications

Applies to entire criterion

Clarifications:

- There is no standard required for this criterion.
- To meet the requirements of this criterion, health IT must terminate a user’s access and subsequently require the user to re-authenticate using the same credentials used to originally gain access. [see also [77 FR 54250](#)]
- This criterion is not meant to result in termination of network connections when user access is stopped after a period of inactivity, especially other network connections that are not in use by the health IT product. [see also [77 FR 54250](#)]

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Paragraph (d)(5)(i) Stop user access after inactivity

Technical outcome – The Health IT Module must automatically stop a user’s access to health information after inactivity for a predetermined period.

Clarifications:

No additional clarifications.

Technical outcome – The Health IT Module must automatically stop a user’s access to health information after inactivity for a predetermined period.

Clarifications:

No additional clarifications.

Paragraph (d)(5)(ii) User authentication to regain access

Technical outcome – A user will need to re-enter their credentials in order to resume or regain access to the Health IT Module after access was stopped.

Clarifications:

No additional clarifications.

Technical outcome – A user will need to re-enter their credentials in order to resume or regain access to the Health IT Module after access was stopped.

Clarifications:

No additional clarifications.

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