The 2015 Edition Final Rule includes a new transparency attestation requirement that is applicable to all health IT developers whose product(s) have been or will be issued a 2014 Edition or later certification. A developer only needs to respond to the attestation once, even if it has multiple product certifications. All health IT developers must make one of the following attestations:

In the affirmative:

In support of enhanced marketplace transparency and visibility into the costs and performance of certified health IT products and services, [Developer Name] hereby attests that it will provide in a timely manner, in plain writing, and in a manner calculated to inform, any part (including all) of the information required to be disclosed under 45 CFR § 170.523(k)(1) under the following circumstances:

- To all persons who request such information.
- To all persons who request or receive a quotation, estimate, description of services, or other assertion or information from [Developer Name] in connection with any certified health IT or any capabilities thereof.
- To all customers prior to providing or entering into any agreement to provide any certified health IT or related product or service (including subsequent updates, add-ons, or additional products or services during the course of an on-going agreement).

- OR -

In the negative:

[Developer Name] hereby attests that it has been asked to make the voluntary attestation described by 45 CFR § 170.523(k)(2)(i) in support of enhanced marketplace transparency and visibility into the costs and performance of certified health IT products and services, and the business practices of health IT developers. [Developer Name] hereby declines to make such attestation at this time.

- OR –

Self-developer exclusion:

[Developer Name] hereby attests that it is a self-developer exempt from the disclosure requirements at 45 CFR §§ 170.523(k)(1)(iii) and 170.523(k)(2). [Developer Name] further attests that as a self-developer it does not and will not market, sell, or license its certified Health IT Module(s).

Pursuant to the 2015 Edition Final Rule, ONC-ACBs must include developers’ attestations (i.e., a “yes” or “no”) in the information submitted to National Coordinator for inclusion in the CHPL. Please take note that a developer’s attestation under 45 CFR § 170.523(k)(2) does not change the scope of the information a developer is required to disclose under 45 CFR § 170.523(k)(1).