

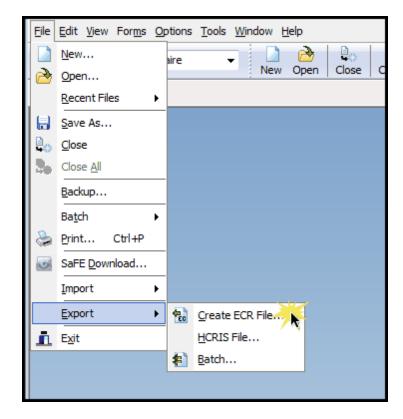
Cost Report Software

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### 6.2 How to Create ECR Files

The cost report must be open and calculated and free of Level I errors. Point to **Export** on the **File** menu and select **Create ECR File**.



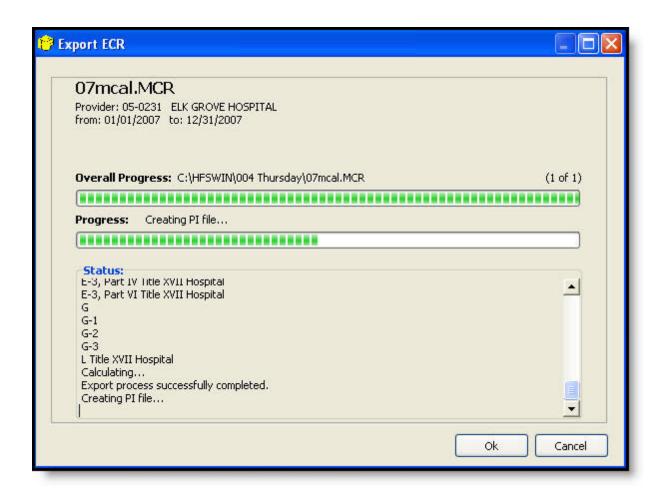
The **Export ECR** dialog box will appear. You can select first or second ECR submission. The default is First Submission. The destination for the ECR file may be changed by entering a valid location in the **ECR Location** box or by clicking the **Open** button and selecting a location. Valid destinations include a CD, Flash drive or other valid data storage.



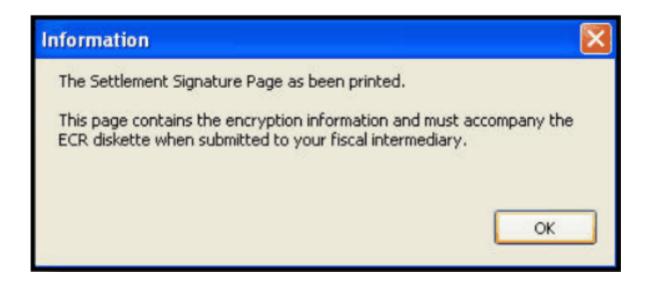
Click on the file folder icon next to the ECR Location text box and a window appears where you may browse and select the destination drive and/or directory for the ECR file.

Note: The target drive/directory for the ECR file may also be modified in the Preferences window, under **Setup Options**, select **File Locations** and then click **ECR Files**. To change the target destination click on the **Edit Item** button and the cursor will appear in the text box and you can type the preferred destination. Alternatively, you can click the **Open** button and browse to and select the appropriate location. If the submission option and target destination are both correct, click **OK** and the ECR export process will begin. The following dialog box will appear and depict the progress and status of the ECR export process.

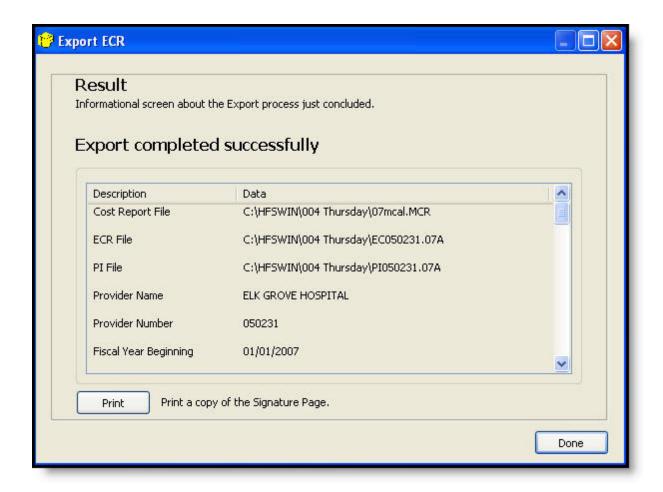
The **Store Files in HFS SaFE** option is recommended and is covered in the next section in detail.



If the export process is successful, the Settlement /Signature Page will be sent to the printer and you will see the following dialog box .



Click **OK**. The cost report program will display the result of the ECR export process. The name of the cost report file, EC file, PI file, provider name, provider number and fiscal year will be displayed. Either click **Print** to produce another copy of the Settlement Signature Page or click **Done**.



The Signature Settlement Page must be submitted with the disk, CD, or Flash drive containing the EC and PI files. If submitting using a system other than the .mcrx, the user must also submit a printed copy of the CMS 339 Questionnaire because it is not part of the EC or PI files. It is always a good idea to confirm that the ECR files are on the CD or Flash drive before submitting the ECR file. Using Windows Explorer or My Computer, navigate to the disk where the files are supposed to be and confirm they are there and that they were created at the same time on the same date. Every year numerous provider cost reports are rejected because the preparer made a mistake and the ECR files are not on the disk submitted to the MAC.

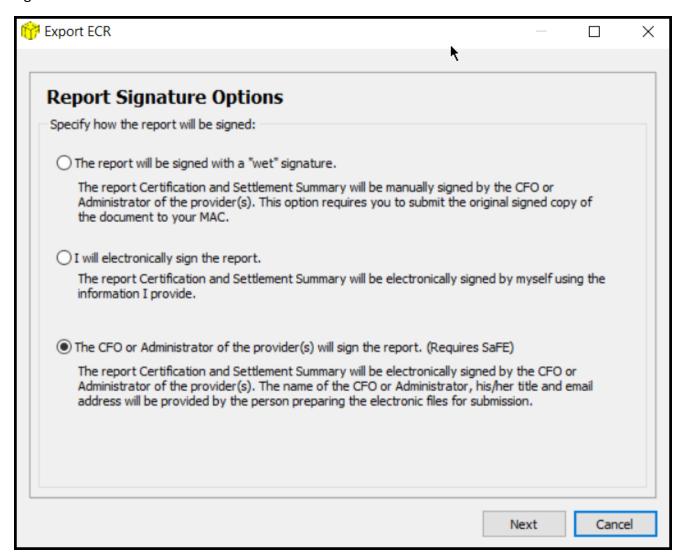
HFS makes an automatic backup of the ECR files, and the encrypted signature page, in the folder where you opened the cost report. If you click on Options/Preferences/Setup/File Locations, the "current year files" location is where the backup is made. For a hospital you would see ECxxxxxx.09A, Plxxxxxx.09A (or 09A.PDF) and ECxxxxxx.09A.PDF (the signature page).

### 6.3 Electornic Signatures

CMS published Medicare Cost Report Electronic Signature regulations in the IPPS Final Rule published in the Federal Register on August 14, 2017. CMS incorporated the changes to accommodate the electronic signing option in the 2552-10 Transmittals 12 and 13, 216-94 Transmittal 7, 265-11 Transmittal 4, and 2540-10 Transmittal 8. HFS has been approved for these changes in the 2552-10 Transmittals 12 and 13 and is working on the changes and CMS approvals for other form sets.

The HFS system incorporated these changes and provides you with a convenient method for providing an electronic signature either from the cost report preparer or another person. The following is a description of the HFS electronic signature process.

The first screen of the ECR Export process will now ask you to specify how the cost report will be signed.



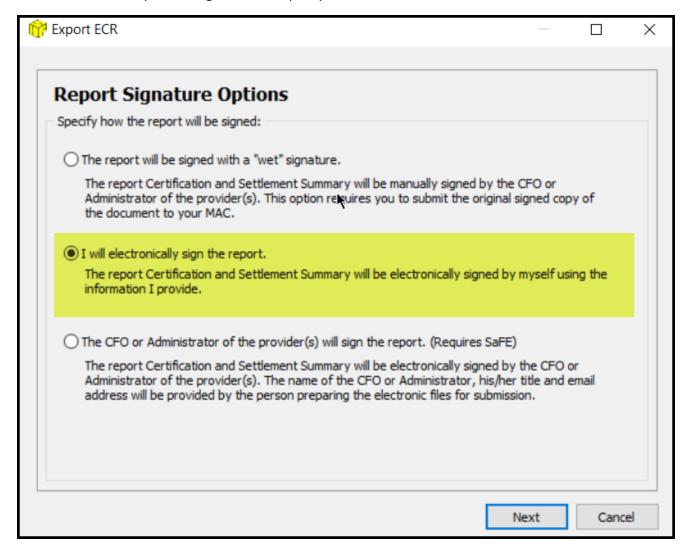
The first option, "The report will be signed with a "wet" signature", will take you through the ECR export process with no changes. At the end of this process you will be able to print the encrypted Worksheet S and sign it as usual.

The second option, "I will electronically sign the report", will guide you through putting your electronic signature on the encrypted Worksheet S.

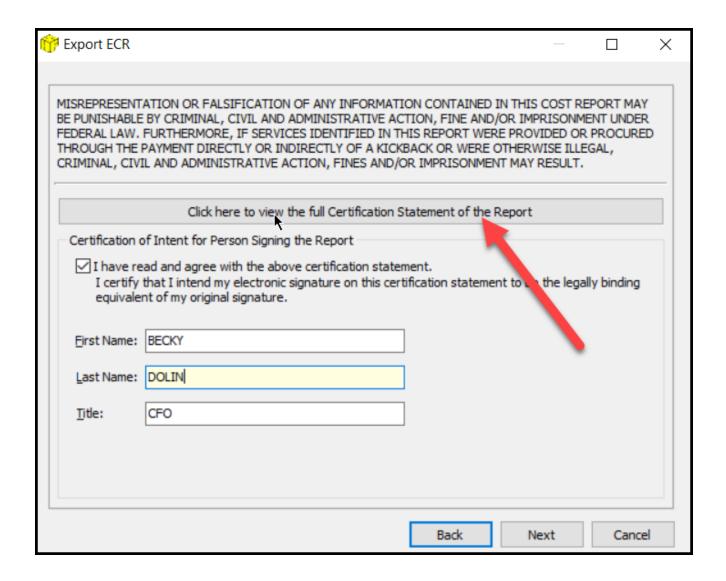
The third option, "The CFO or Administrator of the provider(s) will sign the report. (Requires SaFE)", will walk you through the steps necessary to collect a signature from the individual you identify in another step.

#### Option 2

Choose the second option to sign the cost report yourself.



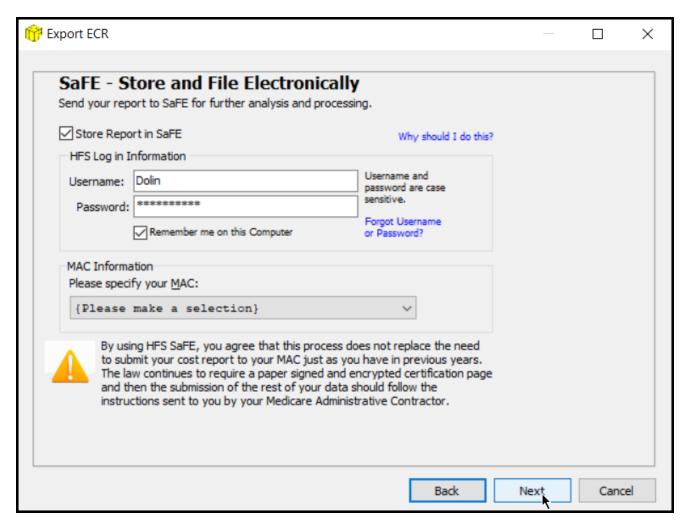
You will be presented with a screen where you can enter your first name, last name, and title. Then you must certify that you have read the certification statement.





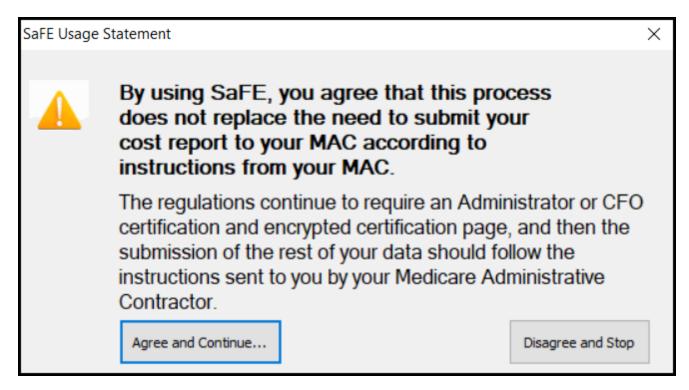
While creating the ECR files through the ECR Export process you will be provided with new options. HFS recommends that all users choose the "Store Report in SaFE" option for storage and to take advantage of the pre-acceptance checks the SaFE site performs. This option is mandatory if you intend to have the system collect a signature from someone other than you.

The ECR Location will be the same if you do not electronically sign the report or signs if you sign it yourself.

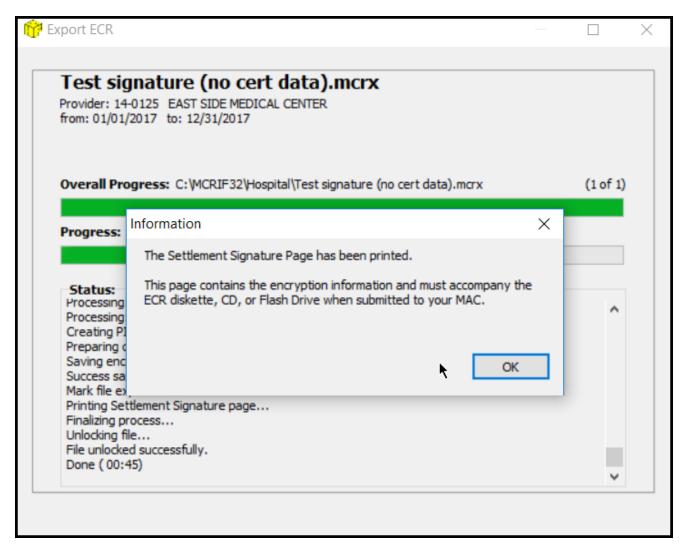


If you opt in to use the HFS SaFE you will need to provider your user name and password. This is the same information that you provide to get updates through Check for Updates or when you log into the HFS website. If you do not have a user name and password, please go to HFSSOFT.com and click Register/Join.

The ECR Submission box can be changed if this is not your as submitted report. This option is used if more than one report is filed within a calendar year. Amended reports are identified by going to Worksheet S, Part III and editing line 3.

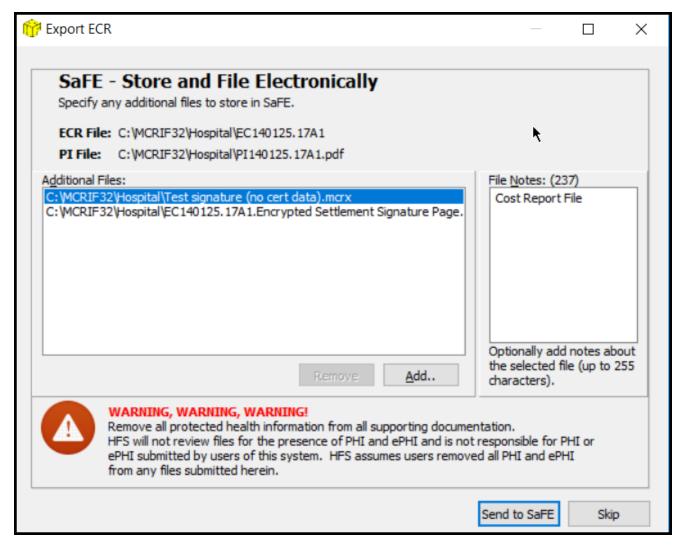


You must select "Agree and Continue" to proceed. Then the system will process all of the records necessary to make the EC and PI files and the encrypted Worksheet S.

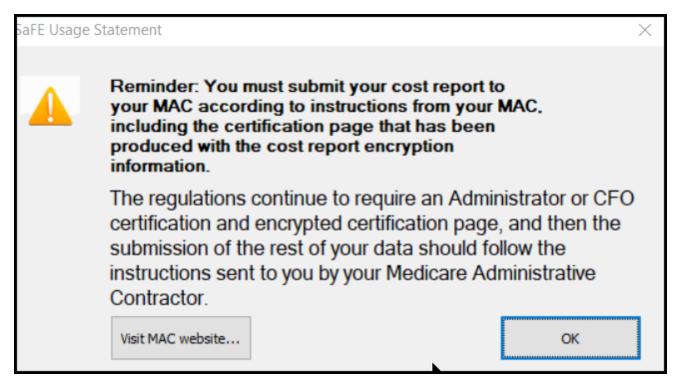


The ECR Export process is complete and you can now submit your ECR files.

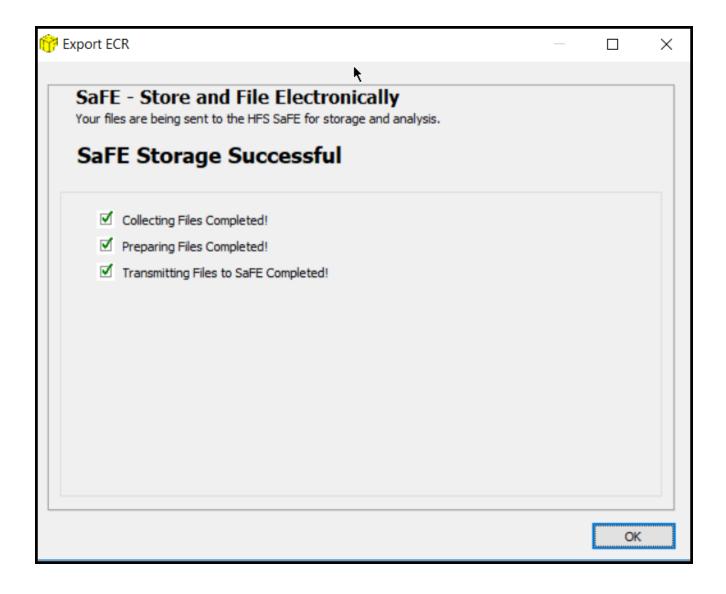
If you opted to use the HFS SaFE site you will be given the option to add files to your SaFE submission.



Click "Send to SaFE" and your files will be transmitted.

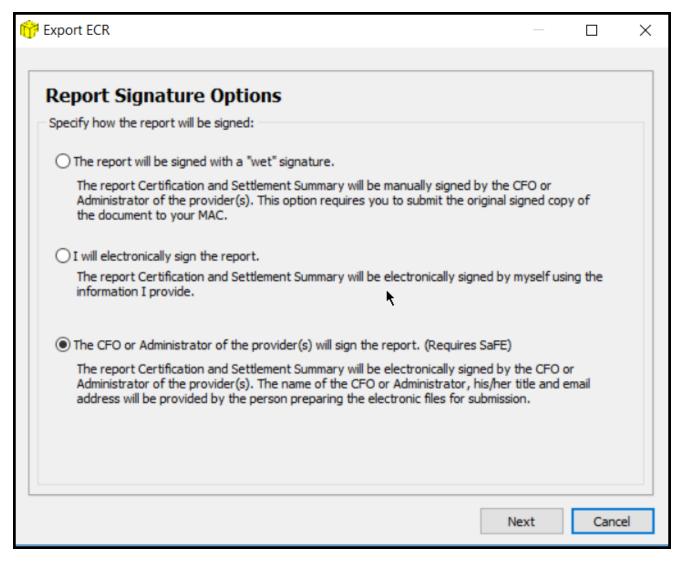


Say OK to the final SaFE Usage Statement and your submission will be complete with your electronic signature.

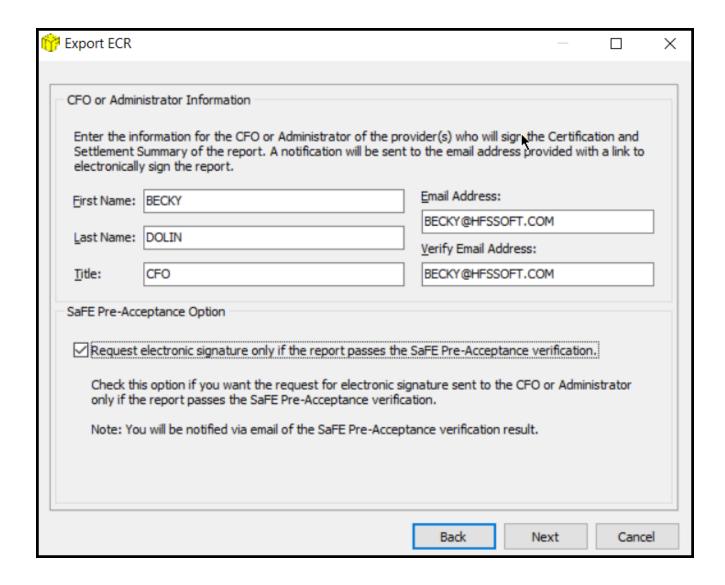


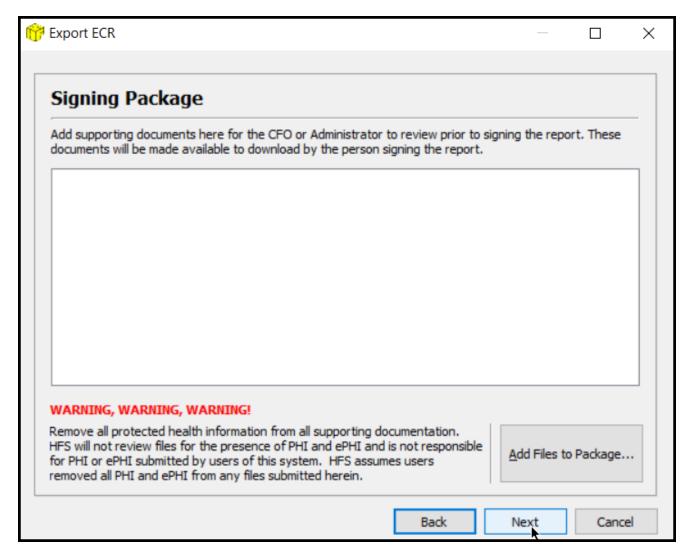
#### PART II - CERTIFICATION MISREPRESENTATION OR FALSIFICATION OF ANY INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS COST REPORT MAY BE PUNISHABLE BY CRIMINAL, CIVIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION, FINE AND/OR IMPRISONMENT UNDER FEDERAL LAW. FURTHERMORE, IF SERVICES IDENTIFIED IN THIS REPORT WERE PROVIDED OR PROCURED THROUGH THE PAYMENT DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY OF A KICKBACK OR WERE OTHERWISE ILLEGAL, CRIMINAL, CIVIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION, FINES AND/OR IMPRISONMENT MAY RESULT. CERTIFICATION BY CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER OR ADMINISTRATOR OF PROVIDER(S) I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have read the above certification statement and that I have examined the accompanying electronically filed or manually submitted cost report and the Balance Sheet and Statement of Revenue and Expenses prepared by EAST SIDE MEDICAL CENTER ( 14-0125 ) for the cost reporting period beginning 01/01/2017 and ending 12/31/2017 and to the best of my knowledge and belief, this report and statement are true, correct, complete and prepared from the books and records of the provider in accordance with applicable instructions. except as noted. I further certify that I am familiar with the laws and regulations regarding the provision of health care services, and that the services identified in this cost report were provided in compliance with such laws and regulations. [ X ]I have read and agree with the above certification statement. I certify that I intend my electronic signature on this certification statement to be the legally binding equivalent of my original signature. Encryption Information BECKY DOLIN Date: 3/12/2018 Time: 7:27 am Officer or Administrator of Provider(s) DedZ:lcQyYtQj21lop3XuNpKpnJDz0 TksLv08c0xUto34MZx9wD9u.Vau:F. CFO Title OUL82TO.cP01E29C Date: 3/12/2018 Time: 7:27 am 03/12/2018 07:27:02 AM (0) 46J7WoKHgXU51FJ.Af1iVns2aLUMz0 330:609SwIOeCfDZVdBOXFyRnGNEjA Date FB1L0xNJ.a0yN9Ro

If this cost report will be signed by a CFO or Administrator and you are not that person, select "The CFO or Administrator of the provider(s) will sign the report. (Requires SaFE.)"



The next screen is where you enter the first name, last name, title and e-mail address of the person who will sign the report. This screen also gives you the option to not request a signature if the file does not pass all of the SaFE pre-acceptance checks. HFS recommends you select this option.

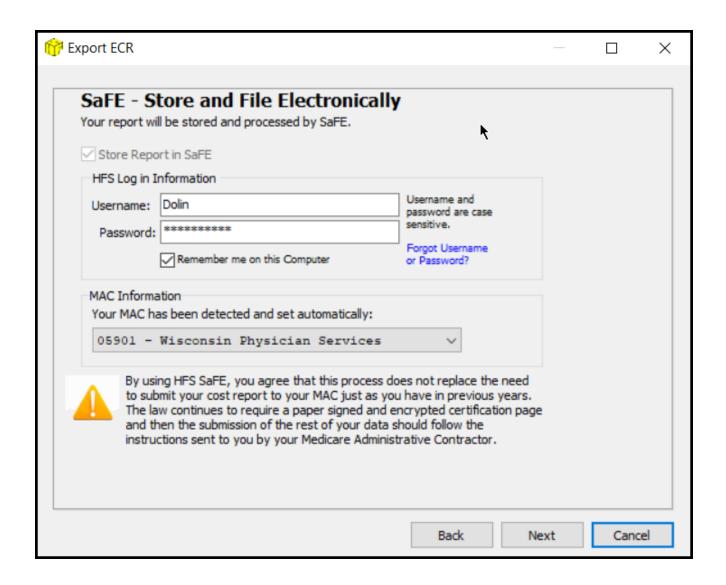




The next screen will present you with an option to add files to the "signing package". HFS will present the signor with a full PDF of the MCR and all associated system files. If you would like to add more files click the "Add Files to Package" button. Files with confidential or sensitive data should not be added using this process. HFS is not responsible for the consequences that may arise if you upload confidential or sensitive data files.

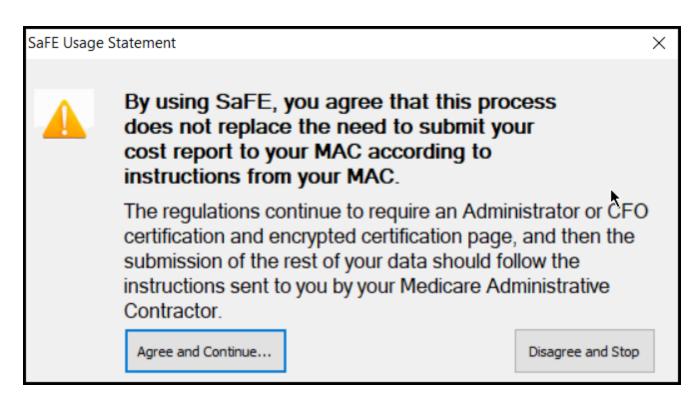


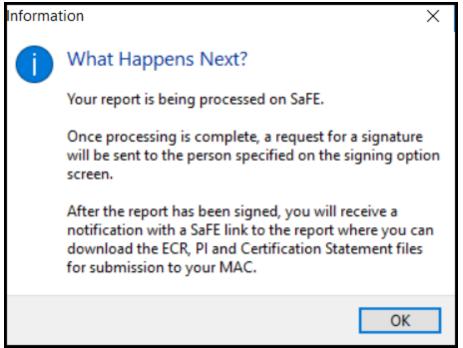
When you choose to have someone else sign the report no files will be created on your computer because the files will not be finalized and ready for submission until the cost report is signed. You will be notified when the files are signed and processing is complete. You will receive a link to retrieve the files from the HFS SaFE site. You must submit the files after you retrieve them from SaFE.



SaFE will take care of the signature from this point forward. You will see that the process is well documented for both the you and the signor.

You must click "Agree and Continue" to proceed.





You will receive the standard SaFE e-mails. First you will be notified that SaFE received your submission.



Mon 3/12/2018 7:54 AN

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SaFE Files Received and Stored

o Becky.Dolin@hfssoft.com

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### Files Received and Stored

Thank you for storing your Electronic Cost Report files with SaFE.

You will receive a second notification when the pre-acceptance report for this report is ready for viewing and downloading.

You can see your report status on the HFS SaFE Web Portal.

Files Sent: 3/12/2018 7:54:05 AM by Becky Dolin SaFE ID: D8D37D70857144298DEB06652FD03967

Cost report type: 2552-10 Provider number: 140125

Provider name: EAST SIDE MEDICAL CENTER

Fiscal year end: 12/31/2017

#### IMPORTANT REMINDER

You must still submit your Electronic Cost Report files to your MAC using your regular submission process. SaFE does not submit these files to your MAC.

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888-216-6041

The next e-mail shows the pre-acceptance status. Yours will most likely say "Passed", but if it does not please contact <a href="mailto:support@hfssoft.com">support@hfssoft.com</a> or 888.216.6041 right away. We are notified as well and will most likely already be looking at your report.



Mon 3/12/2018 7:57 AM

## no-reply@hfssoft.com

SaFE Files Processed

Becky.Dolin@hfssoft.com

## **Health Financial Systems**

#### **Files Processed**

Thank you for storing your Electronic Cost Report files with SaFE. Your pre-acceptance report for is ready for viewing and downloading. You can see this and other reports on the HFS SaFE Web Portal.

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#### PRE-ACCEPTANCE STATUS

Your submission passed our Pre-acceptance scan and will be ready for submission to your MAC once the certification statement has been signed by the CFO/Administrator.

You will receive an email notification when the report has been signed.

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The person who was identified as the signer also received an e-mail. If you elected to only have the

signer notified if the cost report passed the pre-acceptance check, the e-mail was sent by SaFE after you received the notice that the cost report passed the pre-acceptance check . If this option wasn't selected the e-mail was sent prior to this check.



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SaFE Cost Report Signature Request

To BECKY@HFSSOFT.COM

# **Health Financial Systems**

### **Electronic Signature Requested**

Becky Dolin has prepared a Cost Report and has requested your electronic signature on the Certification Statement of the report.

To view information about the report, and to electronically sign the Certification Statement, please use the link below:

Click here to sign or review the report.

### Report Information

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Cost report type: 2552-10 Provider number: 140125

Provider name: EAST SIDE MEDICAL CENTER

Fiscal year end: 12/31/2017

#### IMPORTANT REMINDER

Once your report is signed, you or the person preparing the report must submit your Electronic Cost Report files to your MAC using your regular submission process.

SaFE does not submit these files to your MAC.

Health Financial Systems 8109 Laguna Blvd Elk Grove, CA 95758 888-216-6041 The preparer is notified that the signer was e-mailed.



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SaFE Confirmation of Electronic Signature Request

Becky.Dolin@hfssoft.com

## **Health Financial Systems**

### Confirmation of Electronic Signature Request

A request for electronic signature has been sent to Becky Dolin at email address BECKY@HFSSOFT.COM.

You will be notified by email when Becky has electronically signed the Certification Statement.

### **Report Information**

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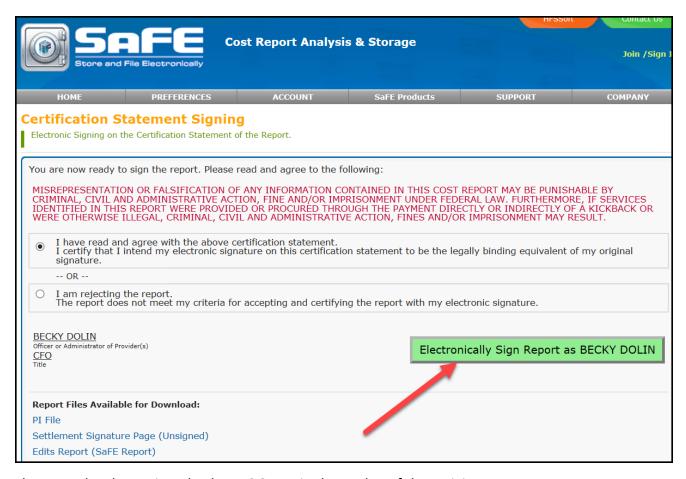
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When the signer clicks the "Click here to sign or review the report" link, they are taken to a screen

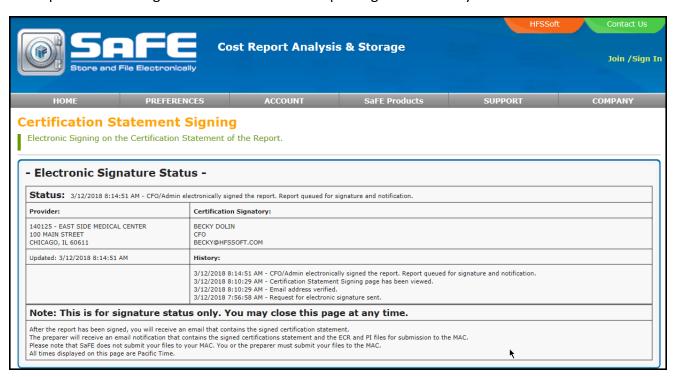
where they must enter the e-mail that was specified by you. An HFS registration is not required and the only report they will have access to is the one on that particular link. Then they can click the "Continue to Electronic Signing..." button.



The signer is then taken to the next screen where they can view and download the MCR files. Then the signer must choose "I have read and agree..." or they can choose to reject the report. If the signer chooses to reject the report, you will be notified through e-mail immediately. If the signer chooses to agree they will then be prompted to electronically sign the report.



The report has been signed. The HFS SaFE site kept a log of the activity.



The signer receives an additional e-mail finalizing the process.



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SaFE Electronic Signature Completed

BECKY@HFSSOFT.COM

Message

EC140125.17A1.Encrypted Settlement Signature Page.pdf (34 KB)

## **Health Financial Systems**

### SaFE Electronic Signature Completed

This is to inform you that the cost report file you electronically signed is now available for downloading from the SaFE website. The signed certification statement is attached.

You can view the status of the report on the HFS SaFE Web Portal.

SaFE received this report from Becky Dolin on 3/12/2018 7:54:05 AM.

Becky Dolin signed the report on 3/12/2018 8:14:51 AM.

SaFE ID: D8D37D70857144298DEB06652FD03967

Cost Report: 2552-10

Provider: 140125 - EAST SIDE MEDICAL CENTER

Fiscal Year End: 12/31/2017

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Attachments may be removed by your email system. If the certification statement is not attached, please contact the report preparer to obtain a copy of the signed certification statement.

A copy of the signed and encrypted Worksheet S is attached to the final email received by the signer.

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[ X ]I have read and agree with the above certification statement. I certify that I intend my electronic
     signature on this certification statement to be the legally binding equivalent of my original signature.
Encryption Information
                                                    (Signed)_
                                                              BECKY DOLIN
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You also receive an e-mail indicating that the report was signed. The files you need to submit will be attached to the email.



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SaFE Electronic Signature Completed

Becky.Dolin@hfssoft.com



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## **Health Financial Systems**

### SaFE Electronic Signature Completed

This is to inform you that the cost report file you submitted has been electronically signed and is now available for downloading from the SaFE website.

Your ECR, PI and signed Certification Statement are attached, or you can download them from the HFS SaFE Web Portal.

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PI140125.17A1.pdf	1,325 KB	Adobe Acrobat Doc	3/12/2018 7:53 AM		

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