

Form 7.1: Call for TEP for Cancer Hospital Measures

TEP Project Overview:

Development, Maintenance and Support of Cancer Hospitals Quality of Care Measures

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has contracted with Mathematica Policy Research and the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) to develop up to six quality measures for prospective payment system (PPS) exempt cancer hospitals. The purpose of the project is to develop measurements that can be used to promote quality care to Medicare beneficiaries in accordance with the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010. The Affordable Care Act requires PPS exempt cancer hospitals to submit data on quality measures for rate year 2014 and each subsequent year for the purposes of public reporting and pilot pay for performance programs, and that these measures are to be specified and published no later than October 1, 2012.

Specific project objectives:

- ◆ To develop, test, maintain, and implement up to six Medicare Fee-For-Service quality of care measures for PPS exempt cancer hospitals
- ◆ To assemble a technical expert panel to provide expertise on areas including, but not limited to, content, consumer advocacy, clinical relevance, and methodology.
- ◆ To hold organized meetings and maintain collaborations with the TEP who will provide feedback and recommendations on the measures developed

The measure development process includes:

- ◆ Identifying quality goals related to Medicare services provided at PPS exempt cancer hospitals
- ◆ Conducting literature reviews and grading evidence
- ◆ Defining and developing specifications for each quality measure
- ◆ Obtaining evaluation of proposed measures by technical expert panels
- ◆ Responses to public comments on the measures
- ◆ Designing a study protocol and conducting a field test of measure feasibility and accuracy
- ◆ Refining measures, as needed, and submission of measures to the National Quality Forum (NQF) for endorsement

For more information about the measure development/reevaluation processes refer to the Measure Management System Blueprint documentation available on the link in the left navigation bar.

A TEP of approximately 12 individuals will advise Mathematica and NCQA on the development of quality of care measures for PPS exempt cancer hospitals. The TEP will be comprised of individuals with the following areas of expertise and perspective:

- ◆ Cancer Hospital Care
- ◆ Performance Measurement
- ◆ Quality Improvement

- ◆ Cancer Survivor Perspective
- ◆ Payer Perspective
- ◆ Health Care Disparities

All potential TEP members must disclose any current and past activities that may pose a potential conflict of interest for performing the tasks required of the TEP.

Technical Expert Panel Expected Time Commitment:

- ◆ Members of the Technical Expert Panel will meet quarterly over a period of 12-36 months at the discretion of CMS.
- ◆ These TEP meetings will consist of quarterly calls via teleconference, with one in person meeting planned to occur in Baltimore, MD, at a date to be determined, in the first quarter of 2011.
- ◆ In addition to the quarterly calls, TEP members will be asked to review and provide periodic oral and written feedback and evaluations of draft deliverables including all aspects of the measurement development process referenced above.
- ◆ In addition, individual members of the TEP may be nominated to participate on an NQF Expert Panel or be called upon to provide in-person expert testimony, as needed, during the NQF endorsement process.

TEP Nomination:

Self-nominations are welcome. Third-party nominations must indicate that the individual has been contacted and is willing to serve.

Required Information:

- ◆ A completed nomination form
- ◆ Confirmation of availability to participate in calls and meetings as outlined above
- ◆ A letter of interest (not to exceed two pages), highlighting experience/knowledge relevant to the expertise described above and involvement in measure development
- ◆ Curriculum vitae and/or list of relevant experience (e.g., publications) (not to exceed 10 pages)
- ◆ Disclosure of potential conflict of interest

The TEP Nomination and Disclosure Form can be found in the Download section of this page. If you wish to nominate yourself or other individuals for consideration, complete the form and send an e-mail to:

CancerHospitalMeasures@mathematica-mpr.com

Please include a letter of interest and curriculum vitae/list of relevant experience. Nominations should be received no later than 5 p.m. EST, on January 3, 2011. Thank you for helping CMS to improve the quality of care for all Americans.