

Call for Quality of Care Measures for PPS-Exempt Cancer Hospitals

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 quality measures for prospective payment system (PPS) exempt cancer hospitals. The purpose of the project is to develop measures 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 objectives are:

- ◆ To develop up to six Medicare fee-for-service quality of care measures for PPS exempt cancer hospitals
- ◆ To develop measures that are relevant to inpatient and outpatient care delivered to Medicare beneficiaries at PPS exempt cancer hospitals
- ◆ To develop cross-cutting measures that are broadly applicable to improve the quality of care for all cancer patients regardless of cancer site
- ◆ To develop measures that address the continuum of care provided to Medicare beneficiaries by PPS exempt cancer hospitals
- ◆ To develop measures for the most common types of cancer experienced by Medicare beneficiaries and treated by PPS exempt hospitals
- ◆ To build on measurement efforts already in place.

This notice is to solicit candidate measures for review and evaluation by a Technical Expert Panel (TEP). Mathematica and NCQA will convene this panel. Candidate measures can be access, outcome, process, structure, overuse, underuse, misuse or patient experience of care measures and can be applicable to any setting of care in comprehensive cancer hospitals. Any measure(s) adapted or adopted for inclusion in the measure set will reside in the public domain.

Please download the accompanying Candidate Measure Summary Form and e-mail the completed form to:

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