

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
Center for Clinical Standards and Quality (CCSQ)
Special Open Door Forum:
Developing a Hospice Assessment Tool---Goals and Status Update
Wednesday, September 26, 2018
2:00-3:00 pm Eastern Time
Conference Call Only

CCSQ will host a Special Open Door Forum (ODF) to allow hospices and other interested parties to ask questions on the development of the Hospice Evaluation and Assessment Reporting Tool (HEART). This SODF is the first of a series of regular SODF's CMS plans to host on HEART.

The purpose of the Hospice Evaluation and Assessment Reporting Tool (HEART) is to develop a hospice assessment tool that enables CMS and hospices to understand the care needs of people through the dying process and to ensure the safety and comfort of individuals enrolled in hospice institutions nationwide. To date, CMS convened a Technical Expert Panel meeting in Fall 2017 and, after further analysis, CMS began pilot testing (Pilot A) an early version of the HEART. The SODF will provide a status update and welcomes your questions.

Here is the link to our event page that has the slides:

<https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/Hospice-Quality-Reporting/HEART.html>

You can learn about the Hospice Evaluation and Assessment Reporting Tool (HEART) by going to: <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/Hospice-Quality-Reporting/HEART.html>

Feedback and questions on the HEART can be sent to: [CMS HEART@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:CMS_HEART@cms.hhs.gov)

We look forward to your participation.

Special Open Door Participation Instructions:
Participant Dial-In Number: 1-800-837-1935
Conference ID #: 4659087

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