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Technical Expert Panel (TEP) Nomination Form

Project title

Behavioral Health Measures: Development, Reevaluation, & Maintenance

Project overview

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has engaged Mathematica and its partners to develop, re-evaluate, and maintain behavioral health measures that are used in the Inpatient Psychiatric Facility Quality Reporting (IPFQR) program and in several other CMS reporting and payment programs (the Quality Payment Program, Post-Acute Care Quality Initiatives, the Hospital Inpatient Reporting Program, the Marketplace Quality Rating System, and the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation). The contract name is Behavioral Health Measures: Development, Reevaluation, & Maintenance (BHM-DRM). The contract number is 75FCMC18D0032. Mathematica plans on convening a group of stakeholders and experts to help guide the maintenance and development of measures for these programs.

Project objectives

The goal of this project is to provide information, support, feedback, and perspective on the identification, development, specification, testing, prioritization, maintenance, re-evaluation, and implementation of behavioral health quality measures for CMS's quality-reporting programs. These measures are intended to support CMS's and the Quality Improvement Organization Program's missions and to fulfill the requirements of the IMPACT Act.

Panel requirements

A TEP of about 12 to 14 people will provide input on the prioritization, development, testing, and re-evaluation of behavioral measures for use in CMS's quality-reporting and payment programs.

TEP members will meet up to four times in a 12-month period, once in person and the rest by telephone or web conference. Each meeting will be 90 to 120 minutes long. The project is expected to span five 12-month periods.

The TEP will include people from the following groups:

- Patients and caregivers
- Consumer/patient advocates
- Health care providers (psychiatrists, psychiatric nurses, clinical social workers, psychologists, addiction specialists, and others with experience in inpatient psychiatric facilities and other mental health and substance use disorder treatment settings)

- Health system and hospital representatives
- Policymakers
- Epidemiologists and other researchers
- Rural providers and/or providers who can help advance CMS's Rural Health Strategy^{1,2} by applying a rural lens to the work, and keeping in mind the objectives of the Rural Health Strategy that are relevant to quality measures.³
- State health, mental health, and substance use agency representatives
- Experts in measurement science and data sources used to support measurement

Patient and caregiver nominees

Mathematica is especially interested in TEP members who can provide a perspective based on recent personal experience in one or more of the inpatient or outpatient behavioral care settings relevant to our project.

Patient and caregiver nominees should submit a completed, signed TEP Nomination Form and statement of interest as described below (they are not required to submit a curriculum vitae). If potential patient participants wish to keep their names confidential in public documentation, the project team can accommodate that request.

Scope of responsibilities

The TEP will advise Mathematica and its partners (the project team) on the identification and development of behavioral health quality measures in terms of their importance, scientific acceptability, feasibility, and usability. Additional TEP input may be requested for existing measures. The TEP's specific duties include the following:

- Reviewing proposed measure concepts based on findings from the environmental scan and gap analysis conducted by the project team
- Advising the project team on the prioritization of quality measures

¹ <https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/press-releases/cms-announces-agencys-first-rural-health-strategy>

² <https://www.cms.gov/About-CMS/Agency-Information/OMH/Downloads/Rural-Strategy-2018.pdf>

³ Objectives of CMS's Rural Health strategy that are relevant to quality measures include reducing reporting burden for rural providers, and ensuring that measure sets are streamlined, outcomes-based, and meaningful to rural providers and patients.

- Evaluating issues related to the importance and implementation of measures identified and developed under this contract
- Providing feedback on the development and specifications of behavioral health measures for implementation in CMS's quality reporting programs
- Reviewing and providing feedback on existing measures
- Reviewing and providing feedback on TEP Summary Reports

TEP members will be asked to review briefing materials before meetings. They may also be called upon periodically to review information and provide comments between meetings.

Instructions

Applicants/nominees must submit the following documents:

- This completed and signed form, including:
 - A disclosure of any current and past activities that may indicate a conflict of interest. As a contractor for CMS, Mathematica must ensure balance, independence, objectivity, and scientific rigor in its measure development and re-evaluation activities (**see page 4**)
 - A statement of interest summarizing the person's relevant expertise and knowledge (two-page maximum) (**see page 6**)
- A curriculum vitae (CV) and/or list of relevant experience (e.g., publications) (10-page maximum)

[Note: Patient and caregiver nominees are not required to submit a CV].

Send the completed and signed TEP Nomination form, statement of interest, CV, and conflict of interest disclosure (if needed) to Mathematica at BHMeasures@mathematica-mpr.com, with "Behavioral Health Nomination" in the subject line. Nomination materials are due by close of business on **September 27, 2019**, eastern time.

Participation on the TEP is voluntary. The project team will record TEP members' input in the meeting minutes and summarize the TEP proceedings in a report that will be disclosed to the general public. If participants disclose private, personal data voluntarily, that information is not covered by patient-provider confidentiality. If potential patient participants wish to keep their names confidential, the project team can accommodate that request. Please direct any questions about confidentiality to Mathematica at BHMeasures@mathematica-mpr.com.

All potential TEP members must disclose to Mathematica, CMS, and other TEP members any significant financial interest or other relationships that may affect their judgment or perceptions. This disclosure is not intended to prevent people with potential conflicts of interest from serving on the TEP. Rather, it is intended to provide Mathematica, CMS, and other TEP members with information so that they can decide whether a person's interests or relationships may affect the discussions or conclusions.

Applicant/nominee information

Please provide the following information (self-nominations are acceptable).

- Name
- Credentials
- Professional role
- Suffix/degrees (RN, MD, PhD, etc.)/title
- Organizational affiliation, city, state:
- Mailing address:
- Telephone number:
- Email address:

Person recommending the nominee

Complete this section only if you are nominating a third party for the TEP. You must sign this form and attest that you have notified the nominee of this action and that he or she is agreeable to serving on the TEP. The measure contractor will request the required information from the nominee.

- First and last name:
- Credentials:
- Role:
- Organization affiliation, if any:
- Mailing address:
- Telephone number:
- Email address:

I attest that I have notified the nominee of this action and that he or she agrees to serve on the TEP.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Applicant/nominee's disclosure

- Do you or any family members have a financial interest, arrangement, or affiliation with any corporate organizations that may create a potential conflict of interest? Yes / No.
- If yes, please describe (grant/research support, consultant, speaker's bureau, major stock shareholder, other financial or material support). Please include the name of the corporation/organization.

- Do you or any family members have an intellectual interest in a study or other research related to the quality measures under consideration? Yes / No.
- If yes, please describe the type of intellectual interest and the name of the organization/group.

Applicant/nominee's agreement

- If my conflict-of-interest status changes at any time during my service as a member of this TEP, I will notify Mathematica and the TEP chair.
- It is anticipated that there will be three to four conference meetings during a 12-month period, one of which will be in-person, and the rest by telephone/web, and each meeting will be 90 to 120 minutes long. I can commit to attending at least two TEP meetings in the 12 month period.
- If I am selected to serve on the TEP and the measures are submitted to a measure endorsement organization (such as the National Quality Forum) for approval, I will be available to discuss the measures with the organization or its representatives and to work with Mathematica to revise the measures, if necessary.
- I understand that my participation on the TEP is voluntary. I understand that my input will be recorded in the meeting minutes. Proceedings of the TEP will be summarized in a report that will be disclosed to the general public. If I choose to disclose private, personal data, that information will not be subject to confidentiality laws.
- If selected to serve on the TEP, I will keep all materials and discussions confidential until CMS authorizes their release.

I have read the above and agree to abide by it.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

For patient participants only: I wish to keep my name confidential. Yes /No

Statement of interest

Please indicate if you are a: *(Although several may apply, please check one)*

___ Patient, consumer or patient advocate, or caregiver

___ Health care provider

___ Experts in health care quality measure development

___ Health system or hospital representative

___ Other: _____

Please indicate areas of your knowledge/expertise: *(Check all that apply)*

___ Health care quality measurement and/or development of quality measures

___ Quality improvement

- ___ Behavioral Health (which includes inpatient psychiatric care, outpatient/ambulatory mental health treatment, outpatient/ambulatory substance use disorder treatment, recovery-oriented care, and substance use disorder treatment)

___ Measure development and testing

___ Care coordination and integration

___ Patient and family engagement in care

Describe relevant knowledge/interest:___
