

## CLINICIAN COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY WEB PAGE POSTING

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### **Project Title:**

Development of a Heart Failure Outpatient Outcome Measure for the Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS)

### **Dates:**

The Call for the Clinician Committee nomination period closed on October 19, 2018.

The Clinician Committee met on January 11, 2019 and February 27, 2019.

### **Documents:**

The Clinician Committee Membership List and Clinician Committee Summary Report are posted below in the downloads section.

### **Project Overview:**

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has contracted with Yale New Haven Health Services Corporation - Center for Outcomes Research and Evaluation (CORE) to develop outpatient outcome measures that can be used to assess the quality of care provided by clinicians who are eligible to participate in the Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS).

As part of this project, CORE is developing a measure focused on care provided for patients with heart failure (hereinafter, MIPS heart failure measure). The measure will be risk-adjusted for patient complexity. The quality measure scores will be calculated using patient characteristics and outcomes documented on routinely submitted Medicare claims; therefore, the clinicians whose performance will be assessed by the quality measure will not need to submit any additional data directly to CMS.

As part of its measure development process, CORE convenes groups of stakeholders and experts who contribute direction and thoughtful input during measure development and maintenance. CORE has convened a Clinician Committee composed of front-line clinicians from rural and/or underserved communities, professional/specialty society representatives, as well as other clinicians caring for patients with heart failure. The Clinician Committee is providing input to help shape the approach to the measure, such as which types of outcomes should be counted in the measure.

The contract name is Measure & Instrument Development and Support (MIDS): Development, Reevaluation, and Implementation of Outpatient Outcome/Efficiency Measures. The contract number is HHSM-500-2013-13018I.

### **Project Objectives:**

The primary goal of this project is to gather expert and stakeholder input to inform quality measure development of an outpatient outcome measure for patients with heart failure. CMS will use the measure to evaluate the quality of care provided by MIPS eligible clinicians.

### **Expiration Notice:**

This notice expires in July 2019.