

Hospice Quality Reporting Program

Technical Expert Panel

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INTRODUCTION

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has contracted with RTI International to support the development and implementation of quality measures for the Hospice Quality Reporting Program (HQRP). RTI pilot tested an initial item set with 9 hospices around the country. CMS and RTI are convening a Technical Expert Panel (TEP) to review the findings from the pilot and provide input about the item set.

A TEP is a group of stakeholders and experts who provide technical input to the measure contractor on the development, selection, and maintenance of measures for which CMS contractors are responsible. Convening the TEP is one important step in the measure development or reevaluation process that CMS contractors use to ensure transparency, and it provides an opportunity to receive multi-stakeholders input early in the process. CMS hosts a section on its [Measures Management System website](#) for TEP nominations.

The HQRP TEP membership is comprised of individuals with the following areas of expertise and perspectives:

- ◆ Knowledge regarding setting-specific quality of care measures
- ◆ Performance Measurement
- ◆ Quality Improvement
- ◆ Consumer perspective
- ◆ Provider perspective
- ◆ Clinical expertise
- ◆ Methodological expertise
- ◆ Health Care Disparities

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