

TECHNICAL EXPERT PANEL SUMMARY WEB PAGE POSTING

Project Title:

Hospital Quality Star Ratings on *Hospital Compare*

Dates:

The TEP nomination period opened on December 28, 2016.

The TEP nomination period closed on January 30, 2017.

The TEP met in-person on June 8, 2018 and over teleconference on March 9, 2018.

Documents:

The TEP Membership List and TEP Summary are posted below in the download 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) and Lantana, Inc. for the development and maintenance of the publicly reported Star Ratings. The CORE contract name is Development, Reevaluation, and Implementation of Outcome/Efficiency Measures for Hospital and Eligible Clinicians, Option Year 4; contract number HHSM-500-2013-13018I, Task Order HHSM-500-T0001, and the Lantana contract is called Hospital Compare Support Contract (HCSC) Option Year 4; contract number HHSM-500-2013-13010I/HHSM-500-T0001. As part of the development and maintenance processes, CORE and HCSC convenes groups of stakeholders and experts who contribute direction and thoughtful input during methodology refinement and maintenance.

Project Objectives:

The primary goal of this TEP is to support the evolution of the Overall Star Ratings methodology. This approach is consistent with CMS's approach for iterative improvement of quality measures and quality programs. The Star Rating project is designed to create a picture of current measures publicly reported on *Hospital Compare* so that these aspects of quality are presented in a meaningful and accessible way to patients and consumers. However, the TEP is encouraged to provide input on any or all considerations of Star Ratings as part of its deliberations. TEP recommendations and discussion will inform the refinement of the methodology.

Expiration Notice:

This notice expires on September 25, 2018.