

TECHNICAL EXPERT PANEL CHARTER

Project Title: Reevaluation of Inpatient Claims-Based Outcome Measures

Dates:

Yale New Haven Health Services Corporation – Center for Outcomes Research and Evaluation (CORE) anticipates holding approximately one to two teleconference meetings between October 2019 and March 2020. Teleconference meetings will last between one and two hours.

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 reevaluate CMS claims-based hospital outcome measures previously developed by CORE. This work is done under the Development, Reevaluation, and Implementation of Outcome/Efficiency Measures for Hospital and Eligible Clinicians, Base Year contract; (HHSM-75FCMC18D0042, Task Order HHSM-75FCMC19F0001). As part of its measure reevaluation process, CORE convenes groups of stakeholders and experts who contribute direction and thoughtful input to the measure developer during measure development and maintenance.

Project Objectives:

The primary goal of this project is to gather expert and stakeholder input on the reevaluation of previously developed claims-based hospital outcome measures currently in public reporting. TEP feedback will inform the refinement of claims-based hospital outcome measure risk models.

TEP Objectives:

CORE follows CMS's structured and standardized approach to measure maintenance, including steps to ensure substantial input from experts and the public. As part of this effort, CORE is seeking input from individuals with relevant experience and expertise who can provide critical input on the reevaluation of previously developed claims-based hospital outcome measures.

The Technical Expert Panel (TEP) is a group of stakeholders (for example, frontline clinicians, patients/caregivers, hospital/professional societies, measure methods experts) and experts who provide input on the maintenance of the measures for which the contractor is responsible. Convening a national TEP ensures transparency and helps measure developers obtain balanced input from multiple stakeholders. TEP members are chosen to provide input based on their personal experience and training or organizational perspective, and to represent a diversity of perspectives and backgrounds.

Scope of Responsibilities:

Specific responsibilities of TEP members will be to:

- Complete and submit all nomination materials, including the TEP Nomination Form, letter of interest, disclosure of conflicts of interests, and curriculum vitae.
- Review background materials provided by CORE prior to each TEP meeting.

- Attend and actively participate in the TEP webinar(s).
- Provide input and feedback to CORE on key clinical, methodological, and other decisions.
- Provide feedback to CORE on key policy or other non-technical issues.
- Review the TEP summary report prior to public release.

Guiding Principles:

TEP participation is voluntary. The list of individuals included on the TEP will be made public. However, potential patient participants will be given the option to keep their participation on the TEP confidential in public documents.

CORE will ensure confidentiality in the publicly posted TEP reports by summarizing discussion topics and removing the names of TEP members who make specific comments during the meetings. If a participant has disclosed private personal data, by his or her own choice, then that material and those communications are not subject to confidentiality laws. CORE will answer any questions about confidentiality during the TEP meetings.

Estimated Number and Frequency of Meetings:

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Date Approved by TEP:

TBD

TEP Membership:

TBD