

***Project Title:***

Development and Maintenance of Quality Measures for Skilled Nursing Facility Quality Reporting Program (SNF QRP)

***Dates:***

The TEP is expected to meet in Baltimore, MD, in April 2019.

***Project Overview:***

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has contracted with RTI International to develop and maintain quality measures for the SNF QRP. The contract name is Development and Maintenance of Symptom Management Measures (HHSM-500-2013-13015I). As part of its measure development process, CMS asks measure developers to convene groups of stakeholders and experts who contribute direction and thoughtful input to the measure developer during measure development and maintenance.

***Project Objectives:***

Healthcare-associated infections are an important public health and patient safety issue. Under the Quality Priority of “Making Care Safer by Reducing Harm Caused in the Delivery of Care” is the Meaningful Measure Area of Healthcare Associated Infections. To focus on the high priority domain and fill an important gap of quality measurement in this area, this project is aimed to develop a claims-based measure of healthcare-associated infections in skilled nursing facilities.

The purpose of this TEP is to inform the direction and development of a claims-based measure of healthcare-associated infections in skilled nursing facilities.

***TEP Objectives:***

To obtain input on the options for a claims-based measure of healthcare-associated infections in skilled nursing facilities

***Scope of Responsibilities:***

Members of this TEP will inform the direction and development of a claims-based measure of healthcare-associated infections in skilled nursing facilities.

***Guiding Principles:***

Participation on the TEP is voluntary. Individuals wishing to participate in this TEP should understand that their input will be recorded in the meeting minutes. Proceedings of the TEP will be summarized in a report that may be disclosed to the general public. If a participant has disclosed private, personal data by his or her own choice, then that material and those communications are not deemed to be covered by patient-provider confidentiality. If patient participants (only) wish to keep their names confidential, that request can be accommodated. Any questions about confidentiality will be answered by the TEP organizers.

All potential TEP members must disclose any current and past activities that may pose a potential conflict of interest for performing the tasks required of the TEP. All potential TEP members should be able to commit to the anticipated time frame needed to perform the functions of the TEP.

***Estimated Number and Frequency of Meetings:***

- The TEP is expected to meet once for a 1-day, in-person meeting in Baltimore, MD, in April 2019.
- Input prior to and after the in-person meeting may be sought via email, as needed.
- Follow-up meetings via webinar or telephone as needed.

***Date Approved by TEP:***

TBD

***TEP Membership:***

TBD