



**ANNOUNCEMENT  
CALL FOR TECHNICAL EXPERT PANEL (TEP)  
HOSPITAL VALUE-BASED PURCHASING (HVBP) PROGRAM  
MONITORING & EVALUATION STRATEGIES**

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has contracted with Telligen to assist and support CMS to conduct monitoring & evaluation plans and strategies for the HVBP program. The purposes of the Panel are to provide recommendation and feedback on the proposed program evaluation and statistical methods and statistical strategies, identify contemporaneous issues related to the HVBP program, advise CMS on areas for additional in-depth studies and to assist in interpreting the findings relative to the stakeholder environment.

**Due date for nominations:** December 31, 2012 by 12 pm EST. Nominated candidates will be notified by January 15, 2013.

**Scope and Objectives:**

1. The objective of the Panel is to provide expert recommendations to CMS on plans developed to monitor and evaluate the HVBP program.
  - a. With respect to the Monitoring program, the Panel is expected to comment on the proposed measures to identify HVBP program effects on, but not limited to:
    - i. Early trends and observations,
    - ii. Intermediate trends and observations, and,
    - iii. Latent trends and observations (if applicable).
    - iv. The Panel may suggest other factors/indicators that have not otherwise been explored to be considered in the Monitoring Plan.
  - b. With respect to the Evaluation program, the Panel is expected to comment on the proposed analysis plan with respect to;
    - i. The overall design and method of analysis,
    - ii. The variables to be included in the analysis, and,
    - iii. The potential effects of other programs operating concurrently on the Medicare program and methods to account for these effects.
    - iv. The Panel may suggest other factors/indicators that have not otherwise been explored to be considered in the Evaluation Plan.
  - c. The Panel may propose other observations, such as Ad Hoc studies, that may require further understanding of the effects of the HVBP program on the beneficiaries and the hospitals providing care.
2. The Panel shall make recommendations to CMS.



3. In carrying out the responsibilities, the Panel shall:
  - a. Review provided materials and submit comments in a committee meeting setting and, where appropriate, in writing, as requested.
  - b. Commit to participating in two meetings.
    - The first meeting is scheduled on February 21, 2013 (location to be determined).
    - The second meeting is scheduled on May 23, 2014 (location to be determined).
    - Members will attend two in-person Panel meetings as well as review and approve meeting minutes.
    - Quarterly 1 to 2 hours phone/webinar conferences (if applicable).
    - The Panel functions solely as an advisory body and will fully comply with the provisions of CMS. Telligen will provide technical support, including research and meeting facilitation.

Details about the HVBP program are available on the *CMS HVBP* website found by selecting the **[Medicare]** tab followed by selecting the “Hospital Value-Based Purchasing” link under the Quality Initiatives/Patient Assessment Instruments header (direct link):

<http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/hospital-value-based-purchasing/index.html>. Additional information is available on the *QualityNet*

website by selecting the “Hospital Value-Based Purchasing (VBP)” link from the **[Hospital – Inpatient]** tab drop-down (direct link):

<https://www.qualitynet.org/dcs/ContentServer?c=Page&pagename=QnetPublic%2FPage%2FQnetTier2&cid=1228772039937>.

#### **TEP requirements:**

A TEP of approximately 12 non-government individuals and an undetermined government individual will provide direction and thoughtful input to CMS. The TEP will be comprised of individuals with the following areas of expertise and perspectives:

- Statistical analytic background
- Topic knowledge: HVBP measures
- Quality improvement perspective
- Consumer/purchaser perspectives
- Health care disparities

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 must also commit to the anticipated time frame needed to perform the functions of the TEP.

#### **TEP expected time commitment:**

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**TEP nomination:**

Self-nominations are welcome. Third-party nominations must indicate that the individual has been contacted and is willing to serve.

**Required information:**

- A completed and signed TEP Nomination/Disclosure/Agreement form.
- A letter of interest (not to exceed two pages), highlighting experience/knowledge relevant to the expertise described above and involvement in measure development.
- Curriculum vitae and/or list of relevant experience (e.g., publications), a maximum of 10 pages total.

The TEP Nomination and Disclosure Form can be found in the Downloads section on the *CMS HVBP* website by selecting the [**Medicare**] tab followed by selecting the “Hospital Value-Based Purchasing” link under the Quality Initiatives/Patient Assessment Instruments header (direct link):

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If you wish to nominate yourself or other individuals for consideration, complete the form and e-mail to: [adavis@telligen.org](mailto:adavis@telligen.org).