

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
Center for Clinical Standards and Quality (CCSQ)
Special Open Door Forum:
Developing a Hospice Assessment Tool---Status Update
Wednesday, March 13, 2019
2:00-3:00 pm Eastern Time
Conference Call Only

CCSQ will host a Special Open Door Forum (ODF) to allow hospices and other interested parties to ask questions on the development of a Hospice Assessment Tool. This SODF is part of a series of regular SODF's CMS plans to host on this tool and other key topics related to the Hospice Quality Reporting Program.

The purpose of a hospice assessment tool is to develop a tool that enables CMS and hospices to understand the care needs of people through the dying process and to ensure the safety and comfort of individuals enrolled in hospice institutions nationwide. The SODF will provide a status update and welcomes your questions.

You can learn about the hospice assessment tool by going to:

<https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/Hospice-Quality-Reporting/HEART.html>

Feedback and questions on the hospice assessment tool can be sent to: [CMS
HEART@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:CMSHEART@cms.hhs.gov)

We look forward to your participation.

Special Open Door Participation Instructions:

Participant Dial-In Number: 1-800-837-1935

Conference ID #: 4382306

Note: TTY Communications Relay Services are available for the Hearing Impaired. For TTY services dial 7-1-1 or 1-800-855-2880. A Relay Communications Assistant will help.

A transcript and audio recording of this Special ODF will be posted to the Podcast and Transcripts website at <https://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Outreach/OpenDoorForums/PodcastAndTranscripts.html> for downloading.

For automatic emails of Open Door Forum schedule updates (E-Mailing list subscriptions) and to view Frequently Asked Questions please visit our website at <http://www.cms.gov/OpenDoorForums/>.

Thank you for your interest in CMS Open Door Forums.