



**HOSPITAL VALUE-BASED PURCHASING (HVBP)
MONITORING & EVALUATION (M&E) STRATEGIES
TECHNICAL EXPERT PANEL (TEP)
CHARTER**

Background:

The Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has been charged to implement hospital quality and improvement programs under these authorities:

Public Law 111-148, The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA), TITLE III Section 3001 authorized the establishment of a quality incentive payment program for IPPS subsection (d) hospitals as defined under the Hospital Inpatient Quality Reporting Program (HIQRP), effective with the Fiscal Year (FY) 2013 payment determination for discharges occurring on or after October 1, 2012. The HVBP Program uses the Inpatient Prospective Payment Services (IPPS) to provide financial incentives to drive improvements in clinical quality, patient-centeredness, and efficiency.

Under the 10th Scope of Work (SoW), Quality Improvement Organizations (QIOs), as part of their contractual requirements under the Individual Patient Care Aim in C.7.4 section, QIOs assist and support hospitals participating in and reporting data under the Hospital Inpatient Quality Reporting (HIQR) program, Hospital Quality Alliance, and QIO Hospital Inpatient Quality and Experience of Care Performance Score (CQIHQECPS) Program.

Establishment:

CMS has contracted with Telligen to plan and implement a monitoring and evaluation program to assess the impact of the HVBP Program (Program) on the quality, cost, efficiency, and access to hospital inpatient services by beneficiaries. Telligen (Prime contractor) and Research Triangle Institute (RTI) as the sub-contractor are tasked by CMS to provide assistance and support to convene the HVBP M&E Strategies Technical Expert Panel (Panel) meetings and conduct statistical analyses.

The Panel is established as a group of multidisciplinary stakeholders and experts who provide direction and thoughtful input to CMS. The purposes of the Panel are to provide recommendation and feedback on the proposed program evaluation and statistical methods and strategies, identify contemporaneous issues related to the Program, advise CMS on areas for additional in-depth studies and to assist in interpreting the findings relative to the stakeholder environment.

Scope and Objectives:

- The objective of the Panel is to provide expert recommendations to CMS on plans developed to monitor and evaluate the Program.
 - a. With respect to the Monitoring program, the Panel is expected to comment on the proposed measures to identify 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, Ad Hoc studies, that may require further understanding of the effects of the Program on the beneficiaries and the hospitals providing care.
- The Panel shall make recommendations to CMS.
- 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 will take place on February 21, 2013 (location TBD).
- The second meeting will take place on May 23, 2014 (location TBD).
- Members will attend two in-person Panel meetings, 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 facilitate meeting.

Organization of the TEP:

The Panel shall be compromised of approximately 12 non-government individuals and undetermined government individuals not to exceed 15 members. The members of the Panel will include subject matter experts from hospitals representatives, state and federal government, academia, the health services research community and the others in the medical community. A list of qualified TEP members will be presented to CMS for final approval. No Panel member may serve without CMS approval.

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.

CMS shall appoint a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson.

The Panel members will be briefed on Federal ethics rules, employment, financial interests, and criminal conflict of interest statutes.

Appointment:

TEP members shall serve a two-year term. Annual election of TEP members is subject to CMS's approval. Self-nomination is acceptable. Interested parties will be required to submit a CV along with a letter of interest and TEP nomination form.

Eligibility Criteria:

Strong analytic background;
Knowledge of the Program;
Quality improvement perspective;
Consumer/purchaser perspectives; and
Health care disparities.

Meetings:

The Panel shall meet twice as stated above. The agenda and read-ahead materials will be sent to all participants no later than seven business days prior to the meeting. The meeting notes will be provided no later than five business days following the meeting.

Administrative Provisions:

The members of the Panel shall receive an honorarium and shall be reimbursed for eligible invitational travel and subsistence expenses incurred in the performance of their duties as member of the Panel. Telligen will provide administrative support for the Panel. Panel meeting



minutes shall be maintained and shall be subject to the Freedom of Information Act. All records pertaining to the Panel shall be maintained by Telligen.

Submission:

Please direct all correspondence to Alice Davis; Telligen; 6518 Meadowridge Road, Suite 200, Elkridge, MD 21075; adavis@telligen.org; 443-561-2566.

Nomination Deadline:

December 31, 2012 by 12pm EST. Nominated candidates will be notified by January 15, 2013.