

TECHNICAL EXPERT PANEL CHARTER

Project Title:

Development and Maintenance of Quality Measures for Long-Term Care Hospital Quality Reporting Program (LTCH QRP)

Dates:

March 2017 – exact date to be determined

Project Overview:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has contracted with RTI International to develop and maintain quality measures for the LTCH 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:

The purpose of this project is to develop quality measures reflective of quality of care for post-acute care (PAC) settings to support CMS quality missions. Quality measures will be developed consistent with the three broad aims and six priorities of the National Quality Strategy, and the CMS Quality Strategy.

TEP Objectives:

- To obtain input on current LTCH QRP quality measures implemented in the program as well as future measures.

Scope of Responsibilities:

Members of this TEP will inform the direction and development of the quality measures for the Long-Term Care Hospital Quality Reporting Program (LTCH QRP).

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 late March 2017.
- TEP members may be asked for additional input via e-mail to follow-up on issues discussed during the in-person meeting.

Date Approved by the TEP:

To be determined

TEP Membership:

To be determined