

# Technical Expert Panel Charter

## Project Title:

Development of Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) and End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Cost Measures for Use in an Innovation Center Model

## Dates:

The Technical Expert Panel (TEP) nomination period opens on July 17, 2020 and **closes on August 7, 2020 at 11:59PM ET**. Submit all nomination materials by the closing date.

## Project Overview:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has contracted with Acumen, LLC (hereafter referred to as “Acumen”) to develop 1-2 measures to assess the costs of care for CKD and ESRD beneficiaries for use in a model from the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (Innovation Center). The contract name is “Physician Cost Measures and Patient Relationship Codes (PCMP).” The contract number is 75FCMC18D0015, Task Order 75FCMC19F0004. As part of its measure development process, Acumen convenes groups of stakeholders and experts who contribute direction and thoughtful input during measure development and maintenance.

This Call for TEP is separate from other TEPs and Clinical Subcommittees that Acumen is convening for developing cost measures for the Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS). This CKD and ESRD cost measure TEP will focus only on the development of these measures for use in an Innovation Center model.

## Project Objectives:

The primary goal of this project is to develop CKD and ESRD cost measures for use in the Kidney Care Choices (KCC) Model with quality measures under the CMS Kidney Care First (KCF) Option. The KCC Model is a voluntary model applying adjusted capitated payments for nephrologists and nephrology practices managing Medicare beneficiaries with CKD Stages 4 and 5 and ESRD. There are four options in the KCC Model, including the KCF Option which is open to participation from nephrology practices and their nephrologists only.

## TEP Objectives:

The TEP will provide input and guidance on:

- The development of cost measures for CKD and ESRD for use in an Innovation Center model

**Scope of Responsibilities:**

The TEP's role is to provide input and advice to Acumen on the development of 1-2 measures to assess the costs of care for CKD and ESRD beneficiaries for use in an Innovation Center model.

**Guiding Principles**

TEP members should understand that participation is voluntary and that their input will be recorded in the meeting minutes. All 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. In addition, project staff from CMS may attend the TEP meetings.

Proceedings of the TEP will be summarized in a report that may be disclosed to the public. Acumen will ensure confidentiality in the report by summarizing discussion topics and removing the names of TEP members who make specific comments during the meeting. If a participant has chosen to disclose private, personal data, then related material and communications are not deemed to be covered by patient-provider confidentiality. Patient/caregiver participants may elect to keep their names confidential in public documents. Acumen will answer any questions about confidentiality.

Input, advice, and recommendations provided by TEP members will be considered by the measure developer.

**Estimated Number and Frequency of Meetings**

- The TEP is expected to meet via webinar or teleconference up to two times through April 2021.
- The first meeting will take place in September 2020 and will last approximately 3-4 hours, with an estimated 1-2 hours needed for preparation to review materials.
- The second meeting is expected for early 2021 and will last approximately 1-2 hours.
- TEP members may be asked for additional input before or after meetings via email or brief survey.

**Date Approved by TEP:**

To be approved by the TEP during the in-person meeting.

**TEP Membership**

TBD