

Project Title: Electronic Clinical Quality Measure (eCQM) Development and Maintenance for Eligible Clinicians

Project Overview:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has contracted with Mathematica and its partners to develop, electronically specify, and maintain eCQMs for eligible clinicians for potential consideration and use in CMS quality programs. The contract name is Electronic Clinical Quality Measure (eCQM) Development and Maintenance for Eligible Clinicians (CMS contract #75FCMC18D0032, Task Order #75FCMC19F0004). As part of its measure development process, Mathematica convenes groups of stakeholders and experts who contribute direction and thoughtful input to the measure developer during measure development and maintenance.

Project Objectives:

The primary measure development objectives of this project include the following:

- Identifying, developing, specifying, and testing new eCQMs for potential implementation in CMS quality programs that align with CMS quality goals
- Evaluating and preparing the measures for consideration and potential endorsement by the National Quality Forum

TEP Expected Time Commitment:

The TEP is a standing panel of experts who advise the team over the course of the project. The project has been funded for one base period of 12 months with four optional 12-month periods of performance.

There will likely be three to four telephone/web conference meetings in a 12-month period, and each meeting will be approximately 90 to 120 minutes long. TEP members will receive materials in advance of each meeting, including agendas, memos, and slides. TEP members are encouraged to review these documents before the meeting, and this review should take no more than two hours.

TEP Requirements:

We are seeking a TEP of approximately 12 to 16 individuals to provide input on the prioritization, development, and implementation of eCQMs which Mathematica and its partners will use to support the efforts of CMS to develop a portfolio of clinical quality measures that capitalize on Electronic Health Record (EHR) data for use in CMS quality programs.

Subject Matter Expertise:

We are seeking individuals with expertise in the following areas:

- Quality measurement and quality improvement
- EHRs, health care informatics, and use of EHR data to report quality measures
- Measure development and testing including, but not limited to, psychometric properties of measures and risk adjustment models
- CMS clinician-level quality programs

The TEP will include people from the following groups:

- Patients, consumer and patient advocates, and caregivers
- Clinicians with experience using EHRs
- EHR vendor representatives
- Health system representatives
- Clinical terminology experts
- Quality improvement experts

Instructions:

Applicants/nominees must submit these documents ***with this completed and signed form:***

A letter of interest (not to exceed 2 pages) highlighting experience/knowledge relevant to the expertise described above and involvement in measure development. Consumer/patient/family (caregiver) applicants/nominees are not expected to have experience in measure development.

Curriculum vitae or a summary of relevant experience (including publications) for a maximum of 10 pages. Consumer/patient/family (caregiver) applicants/nominees are not required to submit a curriculum vitae.

Send this completed and signed TEP Nomination form, letter of interest, and CV to Mathematica with “Nomination” in the subject line at **ECeCQM@mathematica-mpr.com**. Due by close of business on **February 25, 2020** Eastern Time.

Potential TEP members should understand that participation is voluntary and 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 public. 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. Mathematica will answer any questions about confidentiality.

All potential TEP members must disclose any significant financial interest or other relationships that may influence their perceptions or judgment. It is unethical to conceal (or fail to disclose) conflicts of interest. However, the disclosure requirement is not intended to prevent individuals with particular perspectives or strong points of view from serving on the TEP. The intent of full disclosure is to inform the measure developer, other TEP members, and CMS about the source of TEP members’ perspectives and how that might affect discussions or recommendations.

Applicant/Nominee Information (Self-Nominations Are Acceptable):

Name:

Credentials:

Role:

Organizational Affiliation, if any:

City:

State:

Mailing address:

Telephone:

Email:

Person Recommending the Nominee:

Complete this section only if you are nominating a third party for the TEP. You must sign this form and attest that you have notified the nominee of this action and that they are agreeable to serving on the TEP. The measure developer may request the required information from the nominee.

Name:

Credentials:

Role:

Organizational Affiliation, if any:

City:

State:

Mailing address:

Telephone:

Email:

I attest that I have notified the nominee of this action and that the nominee is agreeable to serve on the TEP.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

The nominee must submit the remainder of the nomination package within the specified period for consideration.

Applicant/Nominee's Disclosure:

This section addresses disclosure of any current and past activities that may indicate a conflict of interest. As a measure developer for the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), Mathematica must ensure independence, objectivity, scientific rigor, and balance in its measure development activities.

Do you or any family members have a financial interest, arrangement, or affiliation with any corporate organizations that may create a potential conflict of interest? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, describe (grant/research support, consultant, speaker's bureau, and major stock shareholder, other financial or material support). Include the name of the corporation/ organization.

Do you or any family members have intellectual interest in a study or other research related to the quality measures under consideration? ☐Yes ☐No

If yes, describe the type of intellectual interest and the name of the organization/group.

Applicant/Nominee's Agreement:

If at any time during my service as a member of this TEP my conflict of interest status changes, I will notify the measure developer and the TEP chair.

It is anticipated that there will be three to four teleconference meetings during a 12-month period. I am able to commit to attending the TEP meetings in person, by teleconference, or by mutually agreed-upon alternative means.

If selected to participate in the TEP and the measures are submitted to a measure endorsement organization (such as the NQF), I will be available to discuss the measures with the organization or its representatives and work with the measure developer to make revisions to the measures, if necessary.

I understand my participation is voluntary and that my input will be recorded in the meeting minutes. Proceedings of the TEP will be summarized in a report that may be disclosed to the public. If I chose to disclose private, personal data, then related material and communications are not deemed to be covered by patient-provider confidentiality. If I am a patient/caregiver participant, I may elect to keep my name confidential in public documents.

If selected to participate in the TEP, I will keep all materials and discussions confidential until such time that CMS authorizes their release.

I have read the above and agree to abide by it.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

For patient participants only: I wish to keep my name confidential. ☐Yes ☐No