

# CMS Wants Your Perspective and Experience



CMS wants to integrate the unique perspective and expertise of a broad range of stakeholders, including those of the person, family, and/or caregivers and the clinicians and professionals who provide care, in the measure development process.

**YOUR EXPERIENCE IS YOUR EXPERTISE.**

## As a partner, YOU can help:

- Identify important and meaningful issues from your perspective
- Identify information needed to make informed healthcare decisions
- Developers and CMS produce high-quality measures that are easily understood, relevant, and useful.

## How to Get Involved, First Steps:

There are many ways you can engage throughout the lifecycle of quality measure development, whatever role you have as an individual patient, clinician, or as a member of a professional association or patient advocacy group. The first step is to increase your own knowledge and understanding of clinical quality measures:

- [What are quality measures?](#)
- [How do they work?](#)
- [How do measures impact healthcare?](#)

## Join a TEP:

A Technical Expert Panel (TEP) is a group of people who care about or have experience in some type of care, illness, or procedure. TEP members include patients and clinicians. Nominate yourself to be on a TEP panel to share your experiences to help measure developers design better measures. Please visit the [CMS TEP webpage](#) to see what panels are forming. Your experiences make you an expert.

## Provide Public Comments:

You can also respond in writing during [public comment](#) periods for proposed measures. This is your opportunity to share your ideas and experience on whether measures are important and how CMS can use them to improve healthcare.

