

Technical Expert Panel Charter

Project Title:

Development of Facility-Level Quality Measures of Hospital Visits after Ambulatory Surgical Center Procedures

Dates:

- The Technical Expert Panel (TEP) nomination period opens on March 2 and closes on March 30. Please submit all nomination materials by the closing date.

Project Overview:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is developing administrative claims-based measures of adverse outcomes following outpatient procedures performed at ambulatory surgical centers (ASCs). Yale New Haven Health Services Corporation/Center for Outcomes Research and Evaluation (CORE) is leading the work under contract to CMS. The contract name is “Development, Reevaluation, and Implementation of Outpatient Outcome/Efficiency Measures,” and the contract number is HHSM-500-2013-13018I. Specifically, CORE/CMS are exploring measures of near-term hospital visits and complications that patients experience at or post discharge from ASCs to better assess the quality of care provided at these facilities. CMS plans to use these measures to report on the quality of ASCs and prompt improvements in care for Medicare beneficiaries. As part of its measure development process, CORE/CMS are convening a panel of stakeholders and experts to contribute to measure development. This project involves creating measures that can be used to assess ASC-level performance.

Project Objectives:

- The primary goal of this project is to develop administrative claims-based outcome measures of ASC quality.

TEP Objectives:

The TEP is a group of stakeholders and experts who provide input on the development of the measures for which the contractor is responsible. Convening a national TEP ensures transparency and helps measure developers obtain balanced input from multiple stakeholders. TEP members are chosen to provide input based on their personal experience

and training or organizational perspective, and to represent a diversity of perspectives and backgrounds.

Scope of Responsibilities:

Specific responsibilities of TEP members will be to:

- Complete and submit all nomination materials, including the TEP Nomination Form, statement of interest, and curriculum vitae
- Review background materials provided by CORE prior to each TEP meeting
- Participate in TEP conference calls
- Provide input to CORE on key clinical and methodological decisions about the approach to measurement
- Provide feedback to CORE on other non-technical issues related to the measures, such as the usability of the measure score
- Review the TEP Summary Report prior to public release
- Be available to discuss recommendations following submission of the measures to the National Quality Forum (NQF)

CORE recognizes that TEP members may not be able to attend all meetings, but we expect members to attend a majority of meetings and review and comment on meeting materials for the meetings they cannot attend. We will provide meeting agendas and background materials to TEP members prior to each meeting. We will summarize member comments and recommendations in a publicly available report.

Guiding Principles:

The NQF's measure evaluation criteria will guide CORE's work. CORE will brief the TEP on these guiding principles for measure development to support the TEP's application of these measure evaluation criteria. CORE will focus the TEP discussions on measure design decisions that are most important. However, measure developers encourage the TEP to provide input on any or all of the measure components as part of the TEP's deliberations. Consensus decisions will inform the completion of the NQF endorsement application following the meetings.

The list of individuals included on the TEP will be made public. However, potential patient participants will be given the option to keep their participation on the TEP confidential in public documents.

CORE will ensure confidentiality in the publicly posted TEP reports by summarizing discussion topics and removing the names of TEP members who make specific comments during the meetings. If a participant has disclosed private, personal data by his or her own

choice, then that material and those communications are not subject to confidentiality laws. CORE will answer any questions about confidentiality.

Estimated Number and Frequency of Meetings:

CORE anticipated holding two or three teleconference meetings lasting approximately 90 minutes each between April and September 2016.

Date Approved by TEP:

To be determined.

TEP Membership:

To be determined.