

TECHNICAL EXPERT PANEL CHARTER

Project Title: Development of Functional Outcome Quality Measures for Long-Term Care Hospitals (LTCHs)

Dates:

June – August 2019

Project Overview:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has contracted with RTI International to develop functional outcome quality measures for long-term care hospitals (LTCHs). The contract name is Development and Maintenance of Symptom Management Measures. The contract number is 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. Care settings included in this measure development project are Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNFs), Inpatient Rehabilitation Facilities (IRFs), and Long-Term Care Hospitals (LTCHs). Quality measures will be developed consistent with the Meaningful Measures initiative.

TEP Objectives:

- To obtain input on functional outcome quality measures that may be used in Long-Term Care Hospitals (LTCHs).
- To examine the following potential measures:
 - Functional Outcome Measure: Change in Mobility Score
 - Functional Outcome Measure: Discharge Mobility Score
- To specify the target population(s), including the inclusion and exclusion criteria.
- To identify the case-mix adjustment variables and the approach for case-mix adjustment.

Scope of Responsibilities:

Members of this TEP will inform the direction and development of the functional outcome quality measures for long-term care hospitals (LTCHs), including specifications such as inclusion/exclusion criteria, numerator and denominator definitions, and risk adjustors.

Guiding Principles:

Potential TEP members must be aware that participation on the TEP is voluntary. As such, individuals wishing to participate on the 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 and/or patient family members or caregivers wish to keep their names confidential, those requests can be accommodated. The TEP organizers will answer any questions about confidentiality.

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 Technical Expert Panel is expected to meet once for a 1 day, in-person meeting in Baltimore, MD, in the summer of 2019 to discuss the development of functional outcome quality measures for the Long-Term Care Hospital (LTCH) setting.
- 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 TEP:

TBD

TEP Membership:

TBD