

Technical Expert Panel Charter Template

Project Title:

Development of Functional Outcome Quality Measures for Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNFs)

Dates:

April 2016 – exact date to be determined

Project Overview:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has contracted with RTI International to develop Functional Outcome Quality Measures for Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNFs). 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. The purpose of this project is to develop cross-setting and provider-specific quality measures, development of standardized data collection items and instrument, and implementation of post-acute care quality reporting programs.

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 SNFs, IRFs, LTCHs, and HHAs. Quality measures will be developed consistent with the three broad aims and six priorities of the National Quality Strategy, and the CMS Quality Strategy.

TEP Objectives:

- To obtain input on functional status quality measures that may be used in skilled nursing facilities (SNFs).
- To examine the following potential measures:
 - An Application of the Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility (IRF) Functional Outcome Measure: Change in Self-Care Score for Medical Rehabilitation Patients (NQF #2633)
 - An Application of the Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility (IRF) Functional Outcome Measure: Change in Mobility Score for Medical Rehabilitation Patients (NQF #2634)
 - An Application of the Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility (IRF) Functional Outcome Measure: Discharge Self-Care Score for Medical Rehabilitation Patients (NQF #2635)
 - An Application of the Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility (IRF) Functional Outcome Measure: Discharge Mobility Score for Medical Rehabilitation Patients (NQF #2636)
- 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 skilled nursing facilities (SNFs), including specifications such as inclusion/exclusion criteria, numerator and denominator definitions, and risk adjustors.

Guiding Principles:

Participation on the TEP is voluntary. Individuals wishing to participate in this 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 (only) wish to keep their names confidential, that request can be accommodated. Any questions about confidentiality will be answered by the TEP organizers.

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 April 2016 to discuss the application of IRF functional outcome quality measures in SNF 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:

To be determined

TEP Membership:

To be determined