

# Technical Expert Panel Charter: Function Status, Cognitive Function, and Changes in Function and Cognitive Function

## ***Project Title:***

The development of functional process and outcome quality measure to meet the IMPACT Act of 2014 Cross-Setting Quality Measure Domain: Function Status, Cognitive Function, and Changes in Function and Cognitive Function

## ***Dates:***

- ◆ A 1.5 day TEP between September 26, 2016 and October 3, 2016

## ***Project Overview:***

The Improving Medicare Post-Acute Care Transformation Act of 2014 (IMPACT Act) was signed into law on October 6, 2014 (1). This Act requires Post-Acute Care (PAC) providers to report standardized patient assessment data and quality measure data to the Secretary.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has contracted with Abt Associates to develop cross-setting post-acute care measures for the quality measure domain - Function Status, Cognitive Function, and Changes in Function and Cognitive Function. The contract name is Outcome and Assessment Information Set (OASIS) Quality Measure Development and Maintenance Project (contract number HHSM -500-2013-13001I, Task Order HHSM-500T0002). As part of its measure development process, CMS asks contractors to convene groups of stakeholders and experts who contribute direction and thoughtful input to the measure contractors during measure development and maintenance.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is standardizing quality measures as mandated by the IMPACT Act. Current assessment instruments used for PAC settings are setting-specific and contain assessment items with varying concepts, definitions, and measurement scales. The move towards standardized assessment data elements facilitates cross-setting data collection, quality measurement, outcome comparison, and interoperable data exchange. This work aligns with the goals of the National Quality Strategy.

The following quality measures are under consideration in this domain:

**The Application of Percent of Home Health Agency (HHA) Patients with an Admission and Discharge Functional Assessment and a Care Plan That Addresses Function (NQF 2631):** Percentage of home health episodes with an admission and discharge functional assessment and a treatment goal that addresses function.

**The Application of Change in Self-Care Score for Medical Rehabilitation Patients (NQF 2633):** Estimate of the risk-adjusted mean change in self-care score between admission and discharge among home health patients

**The Application of Change in Mobility Score for Medical Rehabilitation Patients (NQF 2634):** Estimate of the risk-adjusted mean change in mobility score between admission and discharge among home health patients

**The Application of Discharge Self-Care Score for Medical Rehabilitation Patients (NQF 2635):** Estimate of the percentage of home health episodes who meet or exceed an expected discharge self-care score.

**The Application of Discharge Mobility Score for Medical Rehabilitation Patients (NQF 2636):** Estimate of the percentage of home health episodes who meet or exceed an expected discharge mobility score.

### ***Project Objectives:***

- ◆ Explore data items that may be used to standardize and assess functional status in quality measures.
- ◆ Refine measure specifications.
- ◆ Identify covariates to be used in risk adjustment
- ◆ Identify setting-specific needs/concerns/barriers in assessing functional status
- ◆ Gather feedback on importance, feasibility, usability and potential impact of adding functional status data elements for quality measurement as new items in the OASIS

### ***TEP Objectives:***

- ◆ The role of the TEP is to provide feedback to Abt Associates on the importance, feasibility, usability, and impact of these measures in the home health setting. The TEP is refining measure specifications by identifying needs and concerns specific to implementing these measures in the home health setting and identifying covariates to be used in risk adjustment

### ***Scope of Responsibilities:***

- ◆ The TEP's role is to provide input and advice to the measure contractors on development of functional process and outcome quality measures to meet the IMPACT Act of 2014 and Cross-Setting Quality Measure Domain: Function Status, Cognitive Function, and Changes in Function and Cognitive Function

***Guiding Principles:***

- ◆ This TEP serves the needs of the home health population. Its members are committed to improving the quality of care given to these patients and resident population, while also improving their quality of life.
- ◆ This TEP will ensure that quality measures adapted to the home health patient population are meaningful to participants.
- ◆ This TEP will be responsive to project timelines. Its members will provide timely responses to requests for input, insights, and feedback.

***Estimated Number and Frequency of Meetings:***

A one and half day meeting in-person and follow-up meetings and/ or email communications as necessary.

***Date Approved by TEP:***

TBD

***TEP Membership:***

TBD