

## Call for Public Comments: Special Topics for Consideration

**Project Title:** Development of Long-Term Care Hospital (LTCH) Ventilator Weaning Quality Measures

In addition to general comments, the measure developer is specifically interested in public feedback regarding the topics below. Please consider these topics during your review of the draft quality measure specifications and draft item sets for the two candidate ventilator weaning quality measures.

### Special Topics for Consideration and Feedback:

- Utility of each candidate ventilator weaning quality measure and variation across providers
- Potential unintended consequences of each measure as currently specified
- Feasibility of determining invasively mechanically ventilated patient initial status as weaning or non-weaning by the end of Day 2 of the LTCH stay, where Day 1 is the day of admission. (It is understood that weaning status may change during the course of patient stay.)
- Importance of risk adjustment to the Ventilator Weaning (Liberation) Rate outcome measure
- Feasibility and utility of including partial weaning at discharge as an outcome

Full instructions and draft versions of the measure specifications and item sets are available at <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-instruments/MMS/CallforPublicComment.html> for solicitation of public comments.