

TECHNICAL EXPERT PANEL (TEP) NOMINATION FORM

Project Title:

End-Stage Renal Disease Physician Level Measure Development

Project Overview:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has contracted with the University of Michigan Kidney Epidemiology and Cost Center (UM-KECC) to develop one or more quality measures related to care provided to ESRD dialysis patients by physicians and mid-level providers. The contract name is End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Quality Measure Development, Maintenance, and Support. (CMS Contract number HHSM-500-2013-13017I) 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 University of Michigan Kidney Epidemiology and Cost Center, through its contract with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, will convene a technical expert panel (TEP) to inform the development of a quality measure(s) related to physician performance in the clinical management of chronic dialysis care and its complications. Initially, likely topic areas for measure development include adequacy of dialysis and vascular access management. Additional topic areas for potential quality measure development in future years will be explored by the technical expert panel as time and resources allow.

TEP Expected Time Commitment:

- TEP members should expect to come together for one to two (1 – 2 hour) teleconference calls prior to the in-person meeting held February 2018, in Baltimore, MD
- One one-day in-person meeting (February 2018)
- After the in-person meeting, additional conference calls may be needed

TEP Requirements:

A TEP of approximately 11-13 individuals will recommend measures that are evidence based, scientifically acceptable (reliable and valid), feasible, and usable by CMS, providers, and the public. Key objectives include obtaining TEP input on the following:

- Review of existing NQF endorsed facility-level ESRD measures as well as physician-level measures in other care settings
- Determine rules for attributing patients to individual physicians
- Draft measures including defining denominator, numerator and potential exclusion criteria
- Determine to what extent a new measure(s) can be harmonized with existing measures

The TEP will be composed of individuals with the following areas of expertise and perspectives:

- Subject matter expertise: Adult and pediatric Nephrology Providers (Physicians, Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants), Physician-level metric development experts, Dialysis stakeholders (dialysis organizations and patients), and Dialysis Health policy experts.
- Consumer/patient/family (caregiver) perspective
- Performance measurement
- Quality improvement
- Purchaser perspective
- Healthcare disparities

Instructions:

Applicants/nominees must submit the following documents ***with this completed and signed form***:

A letter of interest (not to exceed two pages) highlighting experience/knowledge relevant to the expertise described above and involvement in measure development.

Curriculum vitae or a summary of relevant experience (including publications) for a maximum of 10 pages. (Patient participants may elect to keep their names confidential in public documents.)

Please send this completed and signed TEP Nomination form, statement of interest, CV to UM-KECC with "Nomination" in the subject line at dialysisdata@umich.edu. **Due by close of business January 5, 2018 at 5:00pm Eastern Time.**

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 is 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 potential patient participants wish to keep their names confidential, that request can be accommodated. Any questions about confidentiality will be answered by UM-KECC.

*All potential TEP members must disclose any significant financial interest or other relationships that may influence their perceptions or judgment. It is unethical to conceal (or fail to disclose) conflicts of interest. However, the disclosure requirement is not intended to prevent individuals with particular perspectives or strong points of view from serving on the TEP. The intent of full disclosure is to inform the measure developer, other TEP members, and CMS about the source of TEP members' perspectives and how that might affect discussions or recommendations.

Applicant/Nominee Information (Self-Nominations Are Acceptable):

Name: Credentials:

Professional Role:

Organizational Affiliation: City:

State:

Mailing address:

Telephone: Email:

Person Recommending the Nominee:

Complete this section only if you are nominating a third party for the TEP. You must sign this form and attest that you have notified the nominee of this action and that they are agreeable to serving on the TEP. The measure developer will request the required information from the nominee.

Name: Credentials:

Professional Role:

Organizational Affiliation: City:

State:

Mailing address:

Telephone: Email:

I attest that I have notified the nominee of this action and that the nominee is agreeable to serve on the TEP.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Applicant/Nominee's Disclosure:

This section addresses disclosure of any current and past activities that may indicate a conflict of interest. As a measure developer for the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), UM-KECC must ensure independence, objectivity, scientific rigor, and balance in its measure development activities.

Do you or any family members have a financial interest, arrangement, or affiliation with any corporate organizations that may create a potential conflict of interest? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please describe (grant/research support, consultant, speaker's bureau, and major stock shareholder, other financial or material support). Please include the name of the corporation/organization.

Do you or any family members have intellectual interest in a study or other research related to the quality measures under consideration? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please describe the type of intellectual interest and the name of the organization/group.

Applicant/Nominee's Agreement:

If at any time during my service as a member of this TEP my conflict of interest status changes, I will notify the measure developer and the TEP chair.

It is anticipated that there will be one in-person meeting and 3-5 conference calls for this TEP. I am able to commit to attending the TEP meetings in person, by teleconference, or by mutually agreed-upon alternative means.

If selected to participate in the TEP and the measures are submitted to a measure endorsement organization (such as the NQF), I will be available to discuss the measures with the organization or its representatives and work with the measure developer to make revisions to the measures, if necessary.

I understand that my participation on the TEP is voluntary. As such, I understand that my input will be recorded in the meeting minutes. Proceedings of the TEP will be summarized in a report that is disclosed to the general public. If I have disclosed private, personal data by my own choice, then that material and those communications are not deemed to be subject to any confidentiality laws.

If selected to participate in the TEP, I will keep all materials and discussions confidential until such time that CMS authorizes their release.

I have read the above and agree to abide by it.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

For patient participants only: I wish to keep my name confidential. ☐ Yes ☐ No