

Technical Expert Panel Charter

Project Title:

Development of Potentially Preventable Hospitalization Measures for Home Health Agencies (HHAs)

Dates:

- ◆ TEP webinar in March 2018
- ◆ TEP webinar in April 2018
- ◆ In-person TEP meeting in May 2018
- ◆ TEP webinar mid-Summer 2018

Project Overview:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has contracted with Abt Associates to develop potentially preventable hospitalization measures. The contract name is Outcome and Assessment Information Set (OASIS) Quality Measure Development and Maintenance Project. The contract number is 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 contractor during measure development and maintenance.

Project Objectives:

- To develop an approach for defining potentially preventable hospitalizations (PPH) for the home health setting
- To develop potentially preventable hospitalization measures for the home health setting, including standardized items and specifications such as inclusion/exclusion criteria, and patient and facility characteristics--factors associated with outcome measures (risk adjusters).

TEP Objectives:

- ◆ The role of the TEP is to provide feedback to Abt Associates on the importance, usability and feasibility of adding a potentially preventable hospitalization measure to the home health setting. The TEP will be refining concepts including potentially preventable hospitalization and evaluating quality measure specifications.

Scope of Responsibilities:

- ◆ The TEP's role is to provide input and advice to the measure contractors on the potentially preventable hospitalization measure under development.

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 population, while also improving their quality of life.
- ◆ This TEP will ensure that quality measures identified and adapted to the home health 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.
- ◆ This TEP will address patient-centeredness and patient and family engagement as key focus areas for their work.

Estimated Number and Frequency of Meetings:

- ◆ One hour project orientation TEP webinar in March 2018
- ◆ Two-hour measure development TEP webinar in April 2018
- ◆ One day, in-person TEP meeting in May 2018
- ◆ Two-hour, follow-up TEP webinar mid-Summer 2018
- ◆ Potential email correspondence to address specific items that may come up during public comment posting of QMs

Date Approved by TEP:

<List the date the charter was approved.>

TEP Membership:

<Attach the Technical Expert Panel Membership List.>