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Technical Expert Panel (TEP) for the Development and Evaluation of an Inpatient Psychiatric Facility (IPF) Patient Assessment Instrument

Project overview:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), as part of its overarching initiative to advance quality of care in IPFs, has contracted with RTI International, Abt Global, and their partners to develop and test a draft patient assessment instrument, the IPF patient assessment instrument. The IPF patient assessment instrument development work for Abt Global is under RTI International with the CMS contract number 75FCMC18D0012.

As part of its IPF patient assessment instrument development process, Abt convenes groups of interested parties and experts who contribute direction and input throughout the IPF patient assessment instrument development process.

Seeking the following expertise/perspectives:

Abt is convening this TEP to evaluate the IPF patient assessment instrument, with a focus on input on all aspects of IPF patient assessment instrument development such as evaluation of data elements, implementation and guidance in alignment with CMS program requirements and goals and may provide input on potential future measure development. CMS will use this feedback to inform IPF patient assessment instrument development and potential future quality measure development.

A TEP of approximately 12–15 individuals will provide guidance on concepts related to the development and evaluation of the IPF patient assessment instrument. The TEP will be composed of individuals with differing areas of expertise and perspectives, including but not limited to:

- Individuals who have been patients in inpatient psychiatric settings;
- Family members and caregivers of individuals who have received care in an inpatient psychiatric setting;
- Health care providers (psychiatrists, psychiatric nurses, social workers, psychologists, and others) with experience working in inpatient psychiatric settings;
- Health services, health disparities, and other experts/researchers with knowledge of inpatient psychiatric settings;
- Patient advocates and representatives from consumer organizations;
- Representatives from provider associations and inpatient psychiatric facilities;

- Quality improvement experts;
- Measure development experts;
- Independent researchers;
- IT/EHR/EMR experts with knowledge of or experience with inpatient psychiatric facilities;
- Health care administrators with experience in inpatient psychiatric facilities;
- State health, mental health, and substance use agency representatives; and
- Tribal government representatives.

Expected time commitment:

Selected nominees will serve on a standing committee to support this work through virtual meetings. Selected nominees can expect to be contacted on an annual, or as needed, basis for up to four years.

The first TEP will be scheduled to meet virtually in **February/March 2025:**

- **A four-hour** TEP Meeting (specific dates to be determined based on availability of selected members.)
- If necessary and feasible, follow-up webinars will be held to present decisions made on TEP input.

Next steps:

The Technical Expert Panel nomination period closes on **January 24, 2024** at 5PM EST. Please submit all nomination materials by the closing date.

If you wish to nominate yourself or other individuals for consideration, please visit the web posting on the [CMS Technical Expert Panels: Currently Accepting Nominations](#) page for more information.

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