

Palliative Care Programs Needed

CMS-AAHPM MACRA Quality Measure Project

BACKGROUND

The American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine (AAHPM), in partnership with RAND Health Care and the National Coalition for Hospice and Palliative Care, is developing two outpatient palliative care quality measures for the Merit-Based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) within CMS' Quality Payment Program.

Both measures will be based on patient-reported survey items of the patient's experience of outpatient clinic-based palliative care. One will assess the extent to which the patient felt heard and understood by their palliative care providers. The other will assess whether the patient received the help they needed for their symptoms.

Beginning in Fall 2019, potential items will be tested nationwide through a survey to adult patients receiving outpatient palliative care services. Testing will continue through Fall 2020.



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RECRUITMENT

We invite PROGRAMS THAT PROVIDE OUTPATIENT PALLIATIVE CARE SERVICES TO ADULT PATIENTS with an interest in contributing to this effort to submit their information for consideration. There will be minimal burden on programs who participate in this effort; all data collection and survey activities will be conducted by AAHPM and its contractors.

BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATION

Participating programs will gain several benefits:

- A first look at upcoming quality measures that will be tied to accountability
- Insight into what data will be collected and what systems need to be in place to implement the quality measures
- Program-specific survey data collected through the test, useful for understanding baseline quality measure performance
- An opportunity to create measures “by us, for us” by providing input throughout the measure development process
- An honorarium for participation



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INTERESTED?

Please submit the attached program information form.

QUESTIONS?

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