

Provider and Stakeholder Engagement

July 22, 2022

CMS and their contractor, Abt Associates, are recruiting additional Medicare-certified hospice providers to participate in a beta test of the draft hospice patient assessment instrument called Hospice Outcomes & Patient Evaluation (HOPE). Recruitment is ongoing. Training will occur mid-July 2022, with data collection slated to begin in August 2022 and continue through fall 2022. The detailed recruitment announcement is available on in the **Downloads section** below. Those interested in participating should email HOPETesting@abtassoc.com. The HOPE development work is conducted under CMS contract number 75FCMC18D0014 and task order number 75FCMC19F0001.

July 15, 2022

Recruitment Announcement – Technical Expert Panel (TEP) for Hospice QRP and Home Health QRP Health Equity Quality Measure Development

Abt Associates is currently recruiting a wide range of hospice, home health, and health equity stakeholders, for example, providers, patient advocates, quality improvement, and health equity experts to participate in a Technical Expert Panel (TEP) to provide input on a proposed health equity structural composite measure for both hospice and home health care settings.

The Call for TEP materials, including the draft TEP Charter and Nomination Form, are available at the [Current TEP Opportunities webpage](#).

If you have general questions about the TEP and would like to contact Abt Associates, please email HHA_Hospice_HealthEquityTEP@abtassoc.com.

The measure development work is under CMS contract number 5FCMC18D0014 and task order number 75FCMC19F0001.

June 17, 2022

CMS and their contractor, Abt Associates, are recruiting additional Medicare-certified hospice providers to participate in a beta test of the draft hospice patient assessment instrument called Hospice Outcomes & Patient Evaluation (HOPE). Recruitment will continue until the desired number of participants is achieved. Training for this round of hospices is anticipated to occur mid-July 2022 with data collection slated to begin in August 2022 and continue through early fall 2022. The detailed recruitment announcement is available on CMS's [Hospice QRP Provider and Stakeholder Engagement webpage](#). Those interested in participating should email HOPETesting@abtassoc.com by June 30, 2022. The HOPE development work is conducted under CMS contract number 75FCMC18D0014 and task order number 75FCMC19F0001.

December 20, 2021

Updated Information Gathering Report for Hospice Quality Reporting Program

CMS has released the Hospice Quality Reported Program 2021 Information Gathering Reporting. This report provides information from literature reviews and expert interviews that supports expansion of the hospice quality reporting program. Specific topics include treatment of moderate to severe pain, patient preferences, spiritual care, social needs, medication management, and other topics related to hospice quality.

Downloads

- [HOPE-beta-test-new-recruitment-announcement-06-16-2022-clean \(1\) \(PDF\)](#)
- [2021 Dec.16 HQRP Forum Materials \(ZIP\)](#)
- [2021 October.19 HQRP Forum Materials \(ZIP\) \(ZIP\)](#)
- [2021 August.04 HQRP Forum Materials \(ZIP\)](#)

- [2021 May.12 HQRP Forum Materials \(ZIP\)](#)
- [CMS HOPE Beta Test Application May 2021_Revised \(PDF\)](#)
- [CMS HOPE Beta Test Recruitment Announcement May 2021 \(PDF\)](#)
- [2019 Hospice QRP TEP Summary Report Final August 2020 \(002\) \(PDF\)](#)