

# Draft Clinician Expert Workgroup Charter

**Project Title:** MACRA Episode-Based Cost Measures - Wave 6 Clinician Expert Workgroups

## **Workgroup Expected Time Commitment and Dates:**

Members will attend 3 virtual meetings throughout 2023 and 2024. Meetings are anticipated to be 3-4 hours each. The meeting dates are as follows:

- **Meeting #1** (June 2023): Members will build out each component of the episode-based cost measure by providing clinical input and reviewing empirical analyses and other materials.
  - **Movement Disorders Workgroup:** June 27, 2023, from 1 to 5 p.m. ET (10 a.m. to 2 p.m. PT)
  - **Non-Pressure Ulcers Workgroup:** June 28, 2023, from 1 to 5 p.m. ET (10 a.m. to 2 p.m. PT)
- **Meeting #2** (October 2023): Members will provide clinical input on targeted components of the measure upon review of testing results for the measure as specified in consideration of their earlier input. The input provided during this meeting will help inform refinements to the measure prior to a national field test.
- **Meeting #3** (March or April 2024): Workgroup members will review field testing feedback and empirical analyses to provide input on final refinements to the measures.

Workgroup meeting dates for the second and third meetings will be determined at a later date in consideration of factors such as the availability of workgroup members.

Below is a list of tasks expected of all workgroup members:

- Review preparatory materials shared ahead of each meeting and complete any pre-meeting survey, if applicable (estimated time between 2 and 4 hours)
- Attend and participate in all 3 of the meetings described above (3-4 hours each)
- Vote in a post-meeting survey (estimated time between 1 and 2 hours per meeting)

## **Project Overview:**

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) contracted Acumen, LLC (“Acumen”) to develop episode-based cost measures. The contract name is Physician Cost Measures and Patient Relationship Codes (PCMP). The contract number is 75FCMC18D0015, Task Order 75FCMC19F0004. As part of its measure development process, Acumen convenes groups of interested parties who contribute direction and thoughtful input to the measure developer during measure development and maintenance.

## **Project Objectives:**

The project’s overall objective is to develop episode-based cost measures suitable for use in the Quality

Payment Program. Acumen convenes Clinician Expert Workgroup (“workgroups”) to provide input on the specifications of these measures through cycles or Waves of development. These workgroups are being convened as part of Wave 6 of development.

### **Workgroup Objectives:**

The objectives for the 2 workgroups are to provide clinical input on each aspect of the specifications for the following episode-based cost measures: Movement Disorders (e.g., Parkinson’s Disease, Multiple Sclerosis [MS], Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis [ALS], Huntington’s Disease) and Non-Pressure Ulcers. These measures are being newly developed for intended use in the Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS).

### **Workgroup Requirements:**

A workgroup of approximately 10-15 individuals will provide input to build out specifications for episode-based cost measures. The workgroups will be composed of individuals with differing areas of expertise and perspectives, including:

- Clinicians with experience relevant to Movement Disorders or Non-Pressure Ulcers
- Specialties who provide care in the areas being measured, including: neurology, podiatry, internal medicine, family practice, physical medicine and rehabilitation, neurosurgery, physical therapy, occupational therapy, vascular surgery, undersea and hyperbaric medicine, nurse practitioner, physician assistant, general surgery, and others
- Familiarity with medical coding
- Expertise in performance measurement, quality improvement, or value-based care

### **Scope of Responsibilities:**

The role of the workgroups is to provide clinical input on the specifications for episode-based cost measures. Members will review empirical testing, clinical practice guidelines, program needs and priorities, and input from persons with lived experience, and other relevant information as part of their deliberations.

### **Guiding Principles:**

Participation as a workgroup member is voluntary and the measure developer records the participant’s input in the meeting minutes, which the measure developer will summarize in a report that they may disclose to the public. If a participant has chosen to disclose private, personal data, then related material and communications aren’t covered by patient-provider confidentiality. Patient/caregiver participants may elect to keep their names confidential in public documents. Workgroup organizers will answer any questions about confidentiality.

All potential workgroup members must disclose any significant financial interest or other relationships that may influence their perceptions or judgment. It’s unethical to conceal (or fail to disclose) conflicts of interest. However, there’s no intent for the disclosure requirement to prevent individuals with

particular perspectives or strong points of view from serving on the workgroups. The intent of full disclosure is to inform the measure developer, other workgroup members, and CMS about the source of workgroup members' perspectives and how that might affect discussions or recommendations.

The workgroups will make decisions on input by discussions facilitated by a workgroup chair. Where decisions are needed to provide direction to the measure development contractor, an online poll will be conducted.

**Estimated Number and Frequency of Meetings:**

Three virtual meetings will take place throughout 2023 and 2024. See the information above under "Workgroup Expected Time Commitment and Dates" for more information.

**Date Approved by Workgroup:**

TBD

**Workgroup Membership:**

TBD