

Project Title: Development and Evaluation of Exchange Health Plan Quality Initiatives (Quality Rating System [QRS]/Quality Improvement Strategy [QIS])

Project Overview

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) contracted Booz Allen Hamilton (Booz Allen) to implement the Development and Evaluation of Exchange Health Plan Quality Initiatives (QRS/QIS) in fulfillment of the statutory and regulatory requirements of 1311(c)(3) of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA). The contract name is Development and Evaluation of Exchange Health Plan Quality Initiatives (QRS/QIS). The contract number is 75FCMC18D0019. As the organizer of this TEP, Booz Allen convenes groups of interested parties and experts who contribute direction and thoughtful input on their work and analysis. The QRS/QIS TEP will advise on the continued implementation of the QRS and QIS by providing input on topics such as public engagement efforts, guidance materials, data analysis and methodology, and measure set refinements.

Technical Expert Panel (TEP) Membership

We have selected these individuals, and they have agreed to serve as the TEP for this project:¹

Name, Credentials, Professional Role	Organizational Affiliation, City, State	Consumer/Patient/Family/Caregiver Perspective	State Based Exchange (SBE)	Qualified Health Plan (QHP) Issuer	Non-Profit/Quality Improvement Organization	Clinician	Health Plan Member Association	Electronic Health Records (EHR) Specialist	Academic/Independent Expert	Conflict of Interest Disclosure
Katie Button, MA Plan Management and Policy Analyst	Oregon Health Insurance Marketplace Salem, OR		✓							No disclosed conflicts.
Jonathan Burdick, MD, CPE,* Chief Medical Officer	Uptown Community Health Center Denver, CO					✓				No disclosed conflicts.
Amy Cleary, MBA, MHP, Director of Quality Management	Geisinger Health Plan Danville, PA			✓						No disclosed conflicts.

¹ This TEP was originally established in 2023. TEP members who are new or returning to the QRS/QIS TEP for 2026 are denoted with an asterisk (*).

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Kaylee Capparelli, MHA, Senior Director, Quality Improvement	Centene Corporation Brooksville, FL			✓						No disclosed conflicts.
Shirley Dominguez, ACA Certified Application Counselor	State of Florida Miami, FL	✓								No disclosed conflicts.
Karen Fortuna, PhD, LICSW, MSW,* Assistant Professor, Director Patient Innovation Lab	Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth Wilmot, NH								✓	No disclosed conflicts.
Tammy Geltmaker, RN, BSN, MHA, CPHQ, Program Director	Indiana Rural Health Association Memphis, TN				✓	✓				No disclosed conflicts.
Cassandra (Sandy) Gibson, President and CEO	Karing is Mutual, LLC Union, NJ	✓								No disclosed conflicts.
Itisha Jefferson, BS, Patient/Caregiver and Medical Student	Loyola University: Stritch School of Medicine Maywood, IL	✓				✓				No disclosed conflicts.
Eric Martin, MA, Advanced Analytics Consultant	Elevance Health, Inc. North Chesterfield, VA			✓						No disclosed conflicts.
Erin O'Rourke, BS,* Executive Director, Clinical Performance and Transformation	AHIP Manlius, NY						✓			No disclosed conflicts.

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Peter Robertson, MPA, Senior Director, Practice Transformation	California Quality Collaborative, Purchaser Business Group on Health Oakland, CA				✓					No disclosed conflicts.
William Smith,* Patient/Caregiver	Patient/Caregiver	✓								No disclosed conflicts.
S. Monica Soni, MD, Chief Medical Officer, Chief Deputy Executive Director	Covered California Sacramento, CA		✓			✓				Disclosed conflicts.
Kristin Villas, MPA,* Senior Health Policy Analyst	Washington Health Benefit Exchange Seattle, WA		✓							No disclosed conflicts.
Catherine (Kate) Wormington, MS, PMP, Director, Solutions Management	Veradigm Littleton, CO							✓		No disclosed conflicts.