

# Technical Expert Panel Membership List

**Project Title:** Technical Expert Panel (TEP) for the Measurement Gaps and Measure Development Priorities for the Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Value-Based Purchasing (VBP) Program

## **Project Overview:**

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has contracted with Acumen, LLC (hereafter referred to as Acumen) to develop the Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Value Based Purchasing (VBP) Program: a CMS program that awards SNFs with incentive payments based on the quality of care provided to Medicare beneficiaries. The contract name is “Quality Measure & Assessment Instrument Development & Maintenance & QRP Support for the Long Term Care Hospital, Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility, Skilled Nursing Facility, Quality Reporting Programs, & Nursing Home Compare.” The contract number is 75FCMC18D0015, Task Order 75FCMC19F0003. As part of its measure development process, Acumen convenes groups of stakeholders and experts who contribute direction and thoughtful input to the measure developer during measure development and maintenance.

Acumen supports CMS with measure expansion of the SNF VBP Program, which currently implements one measure assessing hospital readmissions. The 2021 Consolidated Appropriations Act (CAA) allows for the Program to expand from one to a maximum of 10 measures which assess quality of care provided to SNF Medicare beneficiaries. The purpose of this TEP was to address measurement gaps within the current SNF VBP Program and identify potential measures for SNF VBP Program adoption.

**TEP Membership:**

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

| Name, Credentials, Professional Role  | Organizational Affiliation, City, State  | Consumer/ Patient/ Family/ Caregiver Perspective | Performance Measurement | Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) | SNF Value-Based Purchasing (VBP) | Post-Acute Care (PAC) / Long-Term Care (LTC) | Quality Improvement | Conflict of Interest Disclosure |
|---|--|--|-------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|---------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>Amy Stewart,</b><br><b>MSN, RN, RAC-MT, RAC-MT, DNS-MT, QCP-MT,</b><br>Vice President of Education and Certification Strategy  | American Association of Post-Acute Care Nursing, Ely, MN   | -  | X                       | X                              | X                                | X  | X                   | None                            |
| <b>Andrea Jersey,</b><br><b>BSN, RN, RAC-CTA, RAC-CT, CDP,</b><br>Sr. Director Clinical Reimbursement – SNF Consultant  | Ethica, Louisville, GA   | -  | -                       | X                              | X                                | -  | -                   | None                            |
| <b>Brian Isetts,</b><br><b>RPh, PhD, BCPS,</b><br>Geriatric Pharmacist, Professor, Health Policy Analyst, Person & Family Engagement and Quality Improvement Researcher | University of Minnesota College of Pharmacy, Spring Valley Health and Rehabilitation Center, Redwing, MN | X  | X                       | X                              | -                                | X  | X                   | None                            |
| <b>David Fielding,</b><br><b>MPH, BCPA,</b><br>PFE Focus Group Representative <sup>1</sup>  | PFCCpartners, Engage Caring Solutions, Rockville Centre, NY  | X  | -                       | -                              | -                                | -  | -                   | None                            |
| <b>Dheeraj Mahajan,</b><br><b>MD, MBA, MPH, FACP, CIC, CMD, CHCQM,</b><br>Long-term Care Medical Director, President & CEO, Physician                                   | CIMPAR Consulting, Oak Park, IL  | -  | X                       | X                              | X                                | X  | X                   | None                            |

<sup>1</sup> Acumen partnered with Patient & Family Centered Care Partners (PFCCpartners) to hold a PFE Focus Group to identify indicators of quality important to SNF residents, family members, and caregivers. Acumen and PFCCpartners then selected two focus group members to participate in the TEP.

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|---|---|--|----------------------------|---|--|---|------------------------|---|
| <b>Dorothy Winningham, PCA,</b><br>PFE Focus Group Representative   | PFCCpartners, Health Quality Innovators Patient & Family Advisory Council, Warner Robins, GA                    | X  | -                          | X                                       | -  | X   | X                      | None  |
| <b>Jennifer Hefelee, PhD, MA,</b><br>Independent Researcher, Senior Scientist                             | Booz Allen Hamilton, Brandeis University, UMB Gerontology Institute, Hollis, NH                                 | X  | X                          | X                                       | X  | X   | -                      | Dr. Hefelee is an employee of Booz Allen, which engages in government contract work not related to the SNF VBP program.   |
| <b>Mark Besch, PT,</b><br>Caregiver, Physical Therapist   | American Physical Therapy Association, Aegis Therapies, Inc., Waunakee, WI                                      | -  | X                          | X                                       | -  | X   | -                      | None  |
| <b>Maureen McCarthy, BS, RN, RAC-MT, QCP-MT, DNS-MT, RAC-MTA,</b><br>Consultant                           | Celtic Consulting, LLC, Torrington, CT  | -  | X                          | X                                       | X  | X   | X                      | None  |
| <b>Robin Hillier, CPA, LNHA, RAC-MT,</b><br>Licensed Nursing Home Administrator, Co-Owner of Nursing Home | American Health Care Association and National Center for Assisted Living, Welcome Nursing Home, Westerville, OH | -  | X                          | X                                       | X  | X   | X                      | None  |
| <b>Sabrena McCarley, MBA-SL, OTR/L, CLIPP, RAC-CT, QCP, FAOTA,</b><br>Occupational Therapist              | National Association of Rehabilitation Providers and Agencies, Napa, CA   | -  | X                          | X                                       | X  | -   | -                      | None  |
| <b>Stephanie DeWees, BS, HSE, LNHA, LPN,</b><br>Quality & Regulatory Specialist                           | Leading Age Ohio, Squared Business Solutions, London, OH  | -  | X                          | X                                       | X  | X   | X                      | Ms. DeWees provides consulting services to LeadingAge Ohio members as the Quality & Regulatory Specialist and as owner of Squared Business Solutions consulting services. |

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| <b>Terry O'Malley, MD, CMD,</b><br>Geriatric Physician,<br>Professor               | Harvard Medical School,<br>Winchester, MA   | -  | X                          | X                                       | -  | X   | X                      | None                               |
| <b>Toby Edelman, JD,</b><br>Senior Policy Attorney                                 | Center for Medicare<br>Advocacy,<br>Washington, DC  | X  | -                          | X                                       | -  | -   | -                      | None                               |
| <b>Tracy Fritts, PT, MSPT, CEEAA,</b><br>Vice President of Quality<br>and Outcomes | National Association for<br>the Support of Long Term<br>Care, Consensus<br>Healthcare, Marquis<br>Companies,<br>Milwaukie, OR | -  | X                          | X                                       | X  | X   | X                      | None                               |