

July 10, 2012

EXTENDED Federal Register Notice for workgroups on ICD-10-CM/PCS Conversion of Quality Indicators

The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) has published a notice in the Federal Register [FR DOC# 2012-16734] seeking nominations for members of workgroups on ICD-10-CM/PCS Conversion of Quality Indicators (QIs). The text of the notice, including workgroup selection criteria and specific activities, may be found at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2012-07-10/pdf/2012-16734.pdf>. This notice is being extended to provide the greatest opportunity for participation.

SUMMARY:

Nominations are being sought for members of approximately 10 multidisciplinary workgroups on ICD-10-CM/PCS conversion of the AHRQ QIs. These workgroups are being formed as part of a structured approach for converting the existing QI specifications from ICD-9-CM to ICD-10-CM/PCS, incorporating coding expertise, clinical expertise, and health services research/quality measurement expertise. These workgroups will evaluate the results of automated "code mapping" from ICD-9-CM to ICD-10-CM/PCS, providing input and advice regarding similarities and differences between mapped codes. This workgroup process will lead to specific recommendations regarding how the existing AHRQ QIs should be re-specified using ICD-10-CM/PCS codes, retaining the clinical intent of each indicator while exploiting the greater specificity of ICD-10-CM/PCS to improve validity.

DATES:

Please submit nominations on or before July 22, 2012. Self-nominations are welcome. Third-party nominations must indicate that the individual has been contacted and is willing to serve on one of the workgroups. Selected candidates will be notified no later than July 31, 2012.

ADDRESSES:

Nominations can be sent in the form of a letter or e-mail, preferably as an electronic file with an e-mail attachment. Responses should be submitted to:

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Please send the following information for each nominee:

1. A brief nomination letter highlighting experience and knowledge relevant to the development, refinement, or testing of quality measures based on ICD-9-CM and/or ICD-10-CM/PCS codes, and demonstrating familiarity with the AHRQ QIs and health care administrative data. The nominee's clinical or coding profession and specialty, and the spectrum of his or her clinical or coding expertise, should be described. Please include full contact information: name, title, organization, mailing address, telephone and fax numbers, and e-mail address.
2. Curriculum vita (with citations to any pertinent publications related to quality measure specification, ICD-9-CM, or ICD-10-CM/PCS).
3. Description of any financial interest, recent conduct, or current or planned commercial, non-commercial, institutional, intellectual, public service, or other activities pertinent to the potential

scope of the workgroups, which could be perceived as influencing the workgroup's process or recommendations.