

CMS QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Demonstration Grant for Testing Experience and Functional Tools (TEFT) in Community-Based Long Term Services and Supports

1. Could you clarify the web address for the TEFT for teleconference participants to submit their questions?

The TEFT mailbox is as follows:

TEFTgrant@cms.hhs.gov

2. The funding notice states that applications must be submitted to grants.gov by 3 p.m. EST on October 22, 2012. Is it possible to create a level field by having the due time be 3 p.m. in your respective time zone?

CMS added a day to the due date at the same time it moved up the time to 3 PM...this was to be fair to all parties.

3. For the demonstration, can a state use three 1115 waiver populations? All three of the populations will have a NF level of care and an option to self-direct some or all of their community-based services.

A state with multiple populations within an 1115 Demonstration may apply. While the details related to the sampling is not totally final, we believe one approach in this situation would be to pull a separate sample for each distinct population group, to allow comparison of their experiences.

4. Will states be allowed to add additional questions to the experience survey?

No additional questions will be allowed.

5. Would you please define the intersect between a state's assessment tools used for determining eligibility for programs and service need and the CARE assessment that is being tested in the TEFT grant proposal

What additional information is available about the functional assessment and how will it be applied to the various populations that would be involved with the grant?

The CARE tool assesses functional level. States determine their own level-of-care criteria. If the CARE tool comports with a state's criteria and they wish to use it, CMS

will make the tool available once it is tested. There are no plans to make this tool mandatory.

The CARE functional assessment tool is presently used with Medicare beneficiaries. The tool is being adapted and tested for use with beneficiaries of Medicaid long term services and supports as part of the TEFT grant initiative. Our plan is to also pursue NQF endorsement for the tool.

More information on CARE may be found at the following web site:
<http://www.pacdemo.rti.org/meetingInfo.cfm?cid=caretool>

6. Would it be possible for you to share the number of Notice of Intent to Apply were received for this opportunity?

As of September 12, 2012, CMS received five notices of intent to apply from state Medicaid agencies.

7. Can the 1915(c) LTSS program participants include Medicare and Medicaid eligible beneficiaries (Duals) in addition to Medicaid-only beneficiaries?

There is nothing preventing sample participants from being dually eligible for Medicaid and Medicare. Participating states will need to work with CMS on using the designated sampling strategy. If there are dually eligible people within the sample, a state may segregate those results.

8. What is the URL for the TEFT FAQ/Responses Website mentioned on the teleconference?

The Questions and Answers may be found on the Medicaid.gov website. The URL is as follows:

<http://medicaid.gov/Medicaid-CHIP-Program-Information/By-Topics/Long-Term-Services-and-Support/Long-Term-Services-and-Support.html>

9. Please explain any Maintenance of Effort requirements associated with the TEFT grant.

This is not applicable to the TEFT grant.

10. Are applicants allowed to contract for the staffing needed to implement the grant requirements?

Yes, states may use contractors, but it is not expected that states will contract out the entire project and serve as a pass-thru. It is expected that there will be someone at the

State-level who will be in charge of the award, assure that funds are spent correctly, and that procurement rules are followed, etc...