

**February 8, 2013**

**Federal Register Notice for a time-limited work group and a standing work group**

The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) has published a notice in the Federal Register [FR Doc No: 2013-01348] seeking nominations for members for a time-limited work group and a standing work group. The text of the notice, including workgroup selection criteria and specific activities, may be found at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/granule/FR-2013-01-28/2013-01348/content-detail.html>. This notice is being extended to provide the greatest opportunity for participation.

**SUMMARY:**

The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) is seeking nominations for both a time-limited work group and a standing work group to be convened by an AHRQ contractor. The work groups shall be comprised of individuals with knowledge of the AHRQ Quality Indicators™ (QI), their technical specifications, and associated methodological issues. The overarching goals of each group are to provide feedback to AHRQ regarding refinements to the QI. The time-limited work group is more restricted to specific clinical or methodological issues, while the standing work group addresses broader issues related to the measurement cycle.

**DATES:**

Please submit nominations on or before March 15, 2013. Self-nominations are welcome. Third-party nominations must indicate that the individual has been contacted and is willing to serve on the work group. Selected candidates will be contacted by AHRQ no later than April 5, 2013. Please include the committee of interest. Candidates may apply for both.

**ADDRESSES:**

Nominations can be sent in the form of a letter or email, preferably as an electronic file with an email attachment, and should specifically address the submission criteria. Electronic submissions are strongly encouraged. 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 in the use of the AHRQ QI, including any experience with the National Quality Forum (NQF) Consensus Development Process, and the work group of interest. The nominee's profession and specialty, and the spectrum of his or her experience related to the QI should be described. Please include full contact information of nominee: Name, title, organization, mailing address, telephone and fax numbers, and email address.

2. Curriculum vitae (with citations to any pertinent publications related to quality measure development or use).

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 work group, which could be perceived as influencing the work group's process or recommendations.