

CMS Directed Special Innovation Projects Briefing

July 07 2017

2:00-3:30 ET

Q/A List

1. Did your focused scans generate evidence tables? If so, could that information be shared to assist the QINs with literature review?

CMS did not require the SIE to produce evidence tables. The focus was to identify emerging innovations, versus reviewing practices that have been reported on extensively in published literature. Typically evidence tables are based on a review of multiple publications, which new practices are less likely to have. However, there are links contained within the guidance documents that may assist the QIN-QIOs with literature review.

2. Do these approaches apply to the local SIPs as well?

We assume this question is related to the QIO Proposed SIPs, which the contractors are free to propose their own topics based on the instructions provided within the QIO Proposed SIP Statement of Objectives included as part of the RFP that was recently released for this work. While the CMS Directed SIP written instructions are determinative, many of the factors that CMS is looking for (i.e. ambitious, numeric aims, projects that inform 12th SOW planning, inclusion of rural and disadvantaged populations, etc.) may result in stronger QIO Proposed SIP topics, aims, interventions and measures.

3. Will CMS' requirement for a CD be rescinded as CMS did with the local QI interventions SIP?

Yes, that is correct. There is no CD required for the proposal submissions. Please submit your proposals electronically to the Contracting Officer listed on the cover letter for the RFP.

4. What is the 2006 document you referred to, to use as a reference?

During the July 7, 2017 webinar, reference was made to the National Academy of Medicine's (formerly IOM) report titled: [Medicare's Quality Improvement Organization Program: Maximizing Potential](#). This report was released on March 9, 2006. For your convenience, a link to this report brief is provided here. However, you may also access the report by visiting the National Academies of Science, Engineering and Medicine's website and typing in the keyword "QIO" in the search engine.

5. Will #2 (CMS Strategic Goals) be updated as CMS did on July 5 with the local interventions SIP?

Yes, the CMS Strategic Goals are identical for both SIPs. This language will be updated and sent out to the QIN-QIOs by the cognizant Contracting Officer for this work.