

# Physician-Focused Payment Model Technical Advisory Committee

## Questions to Guide **Session 1** for the June 2026 Theme-Based Meeting:

### **Targeting Improvements in Patient Safety Through Alternative Payment Models**

#### **Topic: *Approaches to Improve Patient Safety in Alternative Payment Models***

**Monday, June 15, 10:40 a.m. – 12:10 p.m. EDT**

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#### **Session Experts:**

- **Susan E. Sheridan, MIM, MBA, DHL**, President and CEO, Patients for Patient Safety US (PFPS US)
- **Michelle Schreiber, MD**, Deputy Director for Quality & Value, Center for Clinical Standards and Quality (CCSQ), Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)
- **Susannah Bernheim, MD, MHS**, Chief Medical Officer, CMS Innovation Center, CMS
- **Jason W. Mitchell, MD**, Executive Vice President and Chief Medical Officer, Geisinger
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#### **Committee Discussion and Q&A Session:**

After each expert provides a 10-minute presentation, the Committee will facilitate an interactive discussion with the experts. As part of the discussion, Committee members will ask questions, including questions raised in response to the experts' presentations. The following are examples of questions that Committee members may ask.

**Question 1:** *What are ways in which alternative payment models (APMs) can be used to effectively promote system-wide change to improve patient safety, for example, through:*

- a. Payment approaches
- b. Performance measures
- c. Incentivizing the use of technologies

**Question 2:** *What are opportunities to engage providers to help reduce adverse events and improve patient safety?*

**Question 3:** *What solutions or insights can patients provide on improving patient safety?*

**Question 4:** *How can patient protections (e.g., consumer rights, appeals process, transparency) be used to reduce adverse events and errors and improve patient safety?*

**Wrap-up Question:** *Are there any additional insights you would like to share about improving patient safety through APMs?*