

Physician-Focused Payment Model Technical Advisory Committee

According to the Physician-Focused Payment Model Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC) bylaws voted on and approved by PTAC on June 21, 2016:

“PFPM-specific disclosures. *Prior to reviewing, participating in deliberations, and/or voting on a PFPM submitted to the Committee, Committee members shall disclose any role they have played in the development of the submitted PFPM and any impact that such a PFPM could have on them if it were approved.”*

PTAC members’ disclosures relating to potential conflicts of interest and potential threats to impartiality related to the identified proposal are presented below:

Submission from The Illinois Gastroenterology Group and SonarMD, LLC for a Physician-Focused Payment Model entitled, “Project Sonar”

Committee Member Disclosures	
Committee member	Disclosed Information
<i>Jeffrey Bailet</i>	Nothing to Disclose
<i>Robert Berenson</i>	Nothing to Disclose
<i>Paul Casale</i>	Nothing to Disclose
<i>Tim Ferris</i>	Nothing to Disclose
<i>Rhonda Medows</i>	Nothing to Disclose
<i>Harold D. Miller</i>	<p>“I know Larry Kosinski professionally, and I have invited him to attend a number of different conferences and meetings in order to describe Project Sonar and to share with other physicians his experiences in developing and implementing the care delivery model. I have frequently cited Project Sonar in presentations and publications as an example of a desirable specialty medical home project and how an alternative payment model was needed to support it because the current payment system does not. However, I have not commented on the merits of the specific payment model being used relative to other approaches. Moreover, I have had no involvement in the preparation of this PFPM nor would I benefit in any way, financially or otherwise, based on whether the PFPM was recommended by the PTAC.</p> <p>I have been assisting several medical specialty societies to develop PFPMs that would support services somewhat similar to Project Sonar for a range of medical conditions other than gastrointestinal conditions, such as asthma, diabetes, epilepsy, headache, heart failure, and rheumatoid arthritis. The Project Sonar PFPM could potentially be adapted to serve as the PFPMs for these other conditions. However, I do not believe that any of the other efforts in</p>

	<p>which I am involved would be directly or significantly benefited or harmed based on whether the PFPM was recommended by the PTAC, nor will my involvement in those other efforts affect my objectivity in evaluating this PFPM proposal.”</p> <p>Harold Miller</p>
<i>Elizabeth Mitchell</i>	Nothing to Disclose
<i>Len M. Nichols</i>	Nothing to Disclose
<i>Kavita Patel</i>	<p>“I have heard this concept presented broadly at public meetings in the past.”</p> <p>Kavita Patel</p>
<i>Bruce Steinwald</i>	Nothing to Disclose
<i>Grace Terrell</i>	Nothing to Disclose