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Mathematica and The Joint Commission are working together to test a new patient reported outcome performance measure (PRO-PM) for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS). The new measure will assess the proportion of patients discharged from an Inpatient Psychiatric Facility (IPF) with a documented improvement in their PROMIS Depression Short Form (8b) score between admission and discharge. The PROMIS Depression Short Form (8b) is an easy-to-complete, free, 8-item inventory that quantifies depression symptoms in the past seven days.

Interested IPFs will be asked to prospectively collect data by administering the PROMIS Depression Short Form (8b) at admission and discharge. The duration of data collection will depend on the IPF's size and number of admissions. IPFs will be asked to submit the PROMIS Depression Short Form (8b) data, as well as patient-level data (e.g., diagnosis, admission and discharge date, comorbidities, demographics), via an online data collection tool. The data submitted will be used to assess the measures scientific acceptability and develop a risk adjustment model.

In addition to implementing use of the PROMIS Depression Short Form (8b), we are also seeking clinicians to participate in a 30–45-minute interview to obtain feedback on the measure's validity, importance, feasibility, and usability within the IPF setting. We would like to interview clinicians that are most knowledgeable about assessing patients at admission and discharge and those with a good understanding of clinical and documentation workflows.

If your organization is interested in participating in this important measure testing project, please complete the survey by clicking the link below.

Survey link: [http://jointcommission.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_1ZXkHU8RSAmB59c](http://jointcommission.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1ZXkHU8RSAmB59c)

Thank you in advance for your consideration.