



Dear PACE Administrator,

Econometrica, Inc., requests your assistance in the development of health care quality measures for PACE programs. Our first request for participants was emailed on [date]. If you have not responded, there is still time to sign up and participate in this very important work.

Please complete this brief survey [*URL here*] with your intent to participate by [Day, Date].

As a reminder, details of participation are listed below. If you have questions about your participation, please contact Nancy Dunton, Ph.D., FAAN, at (913) 588-1456 or ndunton@kumc.edu.

Thank you very much for your interest and consideration.

Sincerely,

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Details of Participation:

Our research team would like to request your assistance in pilot data collection to explore the feasibility of collecting PACE quality measures. In addition, we would like to solicit your feedback about the clarity of the guidelines, usefulness of the data collection forms, and the level of effort expended to collect the data.

Specifically, you will be asked to do the following:

1. Affirm your acceptance of this invitation to enroll in the pilot study.
2. Attend teleconference training on the measures and the data collection guidelines. The teleconference will occur during the week of [date]. The specific date and time will be provided to you after enrollment.
3. Coordinate and oversee the special data collection over a 1-month period ([date range]). The data elements will initially include the following:
 - a. Participants' ages and genders.
 - b. Participants who fell, setting where fall occurred, and injury level.
 - c. Number of pressure ulcers, by stage, risk status, and prevention activities.
 - d. Number of hospital admissions within the 30 days.
 - e. Number of PACE participants enrolled in your program each day of the month.

As data collection and testing evolve, we might determine additional data needs. We expect that any additions will have a negligible effect on reporter burden. Data may be collected from paper or electronic medical records maintained by health care providers, from administrative records, and from a 1-day prevalence study for the pressure ulcer data.

4. Submit the data electronically during the first 2 weeks of [month].
5. Participate in a follow-up survey about your experience with collecting data for the measures.