



Civil Monetary Penalty (CMP) Grant Projects

Civil monetary penalties (CMPs) are fines imposed on nursing facilities that do not meet federal health and safety standards. States may use CMP funds for projects that improve resident outcomes in Medicare- and Medicaid-certified nursing facilities. The Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) is now granting CMP funds for quality improvement projects with the most potential to meet the following criteria:

- Produce results that may be used to benefit *all* Ohio nursing facility residents
- Produce sustainable improvements in residents' lives
- Innovative and data-driven in their approach to quality improvement
- Incorporate research-based methodologies

Organizations that may qualify for use of CMP grant funds include, but are not limited to:

- Consumer advocacy organizations
- Resident or family councils
- Professional or state nursing home associations
- State Long-term Care Ombudsman program
- Quality improvement organizations
- University graduate programs
- Private contractors

According to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Survey & Certification letter 12-13-NH, all CMP project proposals must be organized according the following content areas:

1. **Purpose and Summary:** Project title, purpose, and project summary.
2. **Expected Outcomes:** Short description of the intended outcomes, deliverables, and sustainability.
3. **Results Measurement:** A description of the methods by which the project results will be assessed (including specific measures).
4. **Benefits to Nursing Home Residents:** A brief description of the manner in which the project will benefit nursing home residents.
5. **Non-Supplanting:** A description of the manner in which the project will not supplant existing responsibilities of the nursing home to meet existing Medicare/Medicaid requirements or other statutory and regulatory requirements.

6. **Consumer and other Stakeholder Involvement:** A brief description of how the nursing home community (including resident and/or family councils and direct care staff) will be involved in the development and implementation of the project.
7. **Funding:** The specific amount of CMP funds to be used for this project, the time period of such use, and an estimate of any non-CMP funds that the State or other entity expects to be contributed to the project.
8. **Involved Organizations:** List all organizations that will receive funds through this project (to the extent known), and organizations that the State expects to carry out and be responsible for the project.

ODM has additional requirements for all CMP project proposals:

- **Results Measurement** – Must be specific and objectively measurable. Additionally, ODM requires submission of quarterly progress reports, and a final report to be submitted at each project's conclusion.
- **Funding** – Must be requested by project year. Show specific breakdowns for any training, i.e., wages, hours spent, # trainers, etc. Meals, and travel less than 50 miles from where training occurs, are disallowed expenses.
- **Duration** - Projects generally should be 1-3 years in duration. CMS generally does not approve projects that last longer than 3 years.

Please send CMP project proposals to Amy.Hogan@medicaid.ohio.gov. When ODM selects a proposal for possible funding, and the proposal contains all the necessary information, ODM will submit the proposal to CMS for review. CMS will notify ODM of their approval, denial, or request for additional information, and ODM will forward that information to the project originator. When a project is approved by CMS, ODM will draw up a grant agreement to be signed by both the grantee and the Director of Medicaid.