

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
- Corporations, both non-profit and for-profit

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 and deliverables, and a brief narrative regarding sustainability of the project.
3. **Results Measurement:** A description of the methods by which the project results, including specific measures, will be assessed. Specific measures must be objectively measurable; target percentages or other quantifiable goals must be stated for all 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. Funding must be broken out by project year. Breakdowns must be shown for various costs, including personnel and training costs (i.e., wages per hour, number of hours, fringe benefits, number of trainers). CMP funds may not be used for meals, or for lodging for conferences and trainings that is less than 50 miles from where the attendees live.
8. **Involved Organizations:** List all organizations that will receive funds through this project (to the extent known), and organizations that are expected to carry out and be responsible for the project.
9. **Contacts:** List names, phone numbers, and email addresses for the persons who are the primary contacts for the project.

Additional requirements for all CMP project proposals:

- **Duration** – Projects generally should be 1– 3 years in duration.
- **Reporting** – ODM requires the submission of quarterly progress reports. In addition, a final report is required at the conclusion of the project period that includes project outcomes and results, as well as lessons learned.

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

For more information, please go to the CMS webpage **Civil Money Penalty Reinvestment Resource** at <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Provider-Enrollment-and-Certification/SurveyCertificationGenInfo/LTC-CMP-Reinvestment.html>.