

# Physician-Focused Payment Model Technical Advisory Committee

## Questions to Guide [Session 4](#) for the June 2026 Theme-Based Meeting:

### *Targeting Improvements in Patient Safety Through Alternative Payment Models*

#### *Topic: [Payment Mechanisms and Financial Incentives to Encourage Patient Safety in Alternative Payment Models](#)*

Tuesday, June 16, 9:10 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. EDT

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#### Session Experts:

- [John M. Hollingsworth, MD, MSc](#), Urologist and Professor, University of Florida College of Medicine, and Chief Quality Officer, UF Health
- [Jennifer L. Wiler, MD, MBA, FACEP](#), Professor, Department of Emergency Medicine, University of Colorado School of Medicine, Co-Founder, UCHealth CARE Innovation Center, and Chief Executive Officer, Minerva Partners
- [Jimmy Blanton, MPAff](#), Deputy Director, Quality and Program Improvement, Medicaid and CHIP Services, Texas Health and Human Services
- [Susan E. Sheridan, MIM, MBA, DHL](#), President and Chief Executive Officer, Patients for Patient Safety US (PFPS US)

#### Committee Discussion and Q&A Session:

After each expert provides a 10-minute presentation, the Committee will facilitate an interactive discussion with the experts. As part of the discussion, Committee members will ask questions, including questions raised in response to the experts' presentations. The following are examples of questions that Committee members may ask.

**Question 1:** *How can patient safety be incentivized in alternative payment models (APMs) (e.g., payment withholds accompanied by performance-based bonuses, non-payment or no-bill rule for repairs, diagnostic safety bonus)?*

**Question 2:** *How might payment be based on performance measures to enhance patient safety incentives?*

**Question 3:** *How can financial incentives be used while also ensuring unintended consequences (e.g., stinting on care, cherry-picking, early discharge) do not occur?*

**Question 4:** *What is the future vision and next steps for using APMs to improve patient safety?*

**Wrap-up Question:** *Are there any additional insights you would like to share about exploring payment mechanisms and financial incentives to encourage patient safety in APMs?*