



atom Advisory Council Frequently Asked Questions

We are actively seeking nominations for the atom Advisory Council to assist with the work of the atom Alliance Quality Innovation Network – Quality Improvement Organization (QIN-QIO), and we need your help!

***Vision Statement:** To ignite powerful change, atom Advisors share their healthcare stories, opinions and experiences with atom Alliance staff and healthcare providers. Advisors are important to the Alliance's initiatives to improve health and healthcare. They work with their family, friends and neighbors so that everyone better understands how to manage their care and stay healthy. Advisors can be a person with Medicare or a caregiver. They live in communities in Alabama, Indiana, Kentucky, Mississippi and Tennessee.*

Who is the atom Alliance?

atom Alliance is a five-state initiative to ignite powerful change in healthcare quality. atom Alliance is working under contract to the CENTERS for MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES (CMS) throughout Alabama, Indiana, Kentucky, Mississippi and Tennessee. To learn more about the QIO Program and the work of QIOs, visit www.qioprogam.org.

What is the atom Advisory Council?

The atom Advisory Council is a group of people with Medicare and their caregivers brought together to provide their perspectives and experiences to help guide and design our healthcare quality improvement and Medicare beneficiary/patient engagement efforts.

Who are good candidates for the Advisory Council?

People with Medicare and caregivers who care about and have recent experience with the healthcare system are potential atom Advisors. We are looking to create a diverse advisory council, based on a balance of perspectives.

What do Advisors do?

Advisors share their perspectives and stories about health and medical care experiences in an effort to represent all people with Medicare. Advisors provide their thoughts, feedback and opinions on what are the most important areas to improve and how to engage healthcare providers and patients in these improvements. The role of an advisor includes partner, educator, speaker, listener, advocate, collaborator and leader. They help ensure that the focus of healthcare is centered on the patient. The Alliance provides coaching to council members so that they are supported in their advisory role.

What is the commitment of an Advisor?

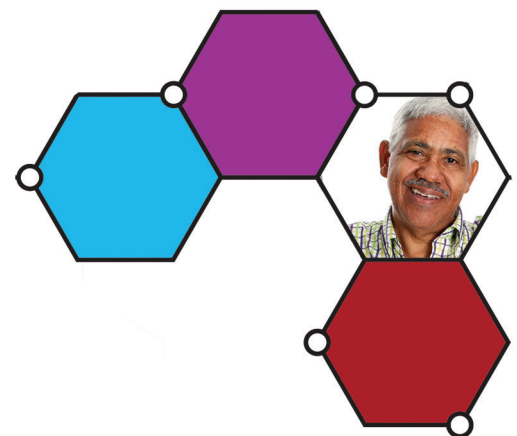
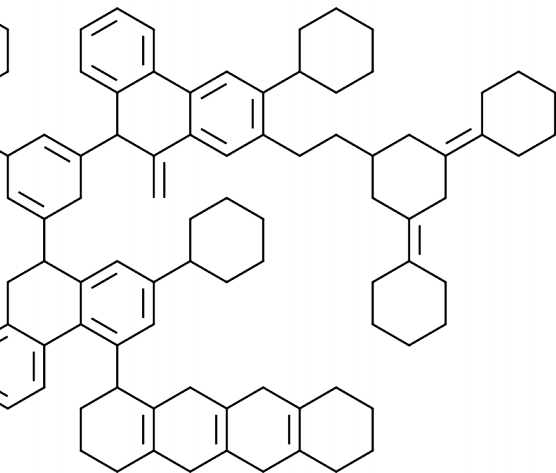
Advisors will be asked to attend monthly meetings by phone and/or webinar. Advisors can expect to spend approximately 2-4 hours per month on atom Advisory-related activities, including the monthly meetings. The meetings are held at 9:00am central time on the fourth Thursday of most months.

How to Participate: Please return an application to atom Alliance Advisory Council; c/o Qsource; 3340 Players Club Parkway, Suite 300; Memphis, TN 38125.

If you have questions, please email Anthony Culver at

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