

EPPE Description for Peer Reviewers, V3

The External Peer Performance Evaluation (EPPE) is an affordable external peer review option suitable for ongoing ROUTINE assessments, focused performance analysis, and is designed to evaluate the performance of a single practitioner or multiple practitioners of a department. As such, these reviews are not expected to take as long as comprehensive independent peer reviews.

CIMRO will provide the pertinent patient records (no record will be more than 100 pages) and a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet that asks the following questions:

1. *Were all the diagnoses appropriate?*
2. *Does the documentation support all procedures were indicated?*
3. *Did the treatment including all procedures performed meet standard of care?*
4. *Was the discharge plan appropriate?*

The Excel spreadsheet includes a drop-down menu to **ONLY** assign “Yes,” “No,” or “Not Applicable” to Questions 1-4. **No additional rationale or comments are required.** If the Client desires a comprehensive review or teleconference following the receipt of the EPPE report, review of the complete medical record and additional rationale will be requested.

A final column is the Overall Rating of the episode of care. Assign the episode of care one of the following ratings from the drop-down menu:

4 = Standard of care met

3 = Standard of care met with some concern

2 = Standard of care NOT met with risk of negative outcome

1 = Standard of care NOT met with known negative outcome