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# Introducing a Protocol To Obtain Patient Comments Using the CAHPS Clinician & Group Survey

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# **CAHPS Webcast Series**

- Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (CAHPS<sup>®</sup>) Program
  - Funded by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)
  - Develops standardized surveys and related products, including the CAHPS Database
- CAHPS Surveys
  - Assess patients' experiences with care
  - Developed for both ambulatory and facility-based care



# **CAHPS Family of Surveys**



#### **Facility Surveys**

Hospital

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**Nursing Home** 

Hospice

### **Ambulatory Care Surveys**

#### Clinician & Group (CG-CAHPS)

Health Plan

Surgical Care

ECHO® (Behavioral health)

**Dental Plan** 

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Home Health Care

**Outpatient and Ambulatory Surgery** 

Home and Community-Based Services





# **Our Focus Today**

 Introduce a new, *beta version* of a supplemental item set for the CAHPS Clinician & Group Survey (CG-CAHPS):

### **CAHPS Patient Narrative Elicitation Protocol**

- Review the development and testing process
- Offer recommendations for implementation
- Highlight the experience of an early adopter
- Invite your participation in further testing of the openended items



# What is the Elicitation Protocol?

A *structured series* of 5 open-ended questions that:

- Prompts survey respondents to tell a *clear and comprehensive story* about their experience with a provider and his/her office staff
- Complements the closed-ended survey questions
- Provides value-added information helpful to both patients and clinicians



# Why is the Elicitation Protocol important?

- Americans are increasingly seeking and finding online reviews of providers
- Growth of physician rating sites reflects consumer interest but also poses concerns:
  - Posted comments are typically not drawn from a representative sample of patients
  - Posted comments provide only a partial picture of physician performance
- CAHPS Elicitation Protocol offers a rigorous, scientificallygrounded method for collecting patient comments



# Today's Speakers









- Mark Schlesinger, PhD, Professor of Health Policy, Yale School of Public Health, New Haven, CT
- Lise Rybowski, MBA, President, The Severyn Group, Ashburn, VA
- Barbra Rabson, MPH, President and CEO, Massachusetts Health Quality Partners, Watertown, MA
- Dale Shaller, MPA, Principal, Shaller Consulting Group, Stillwater, MN (Moderator)

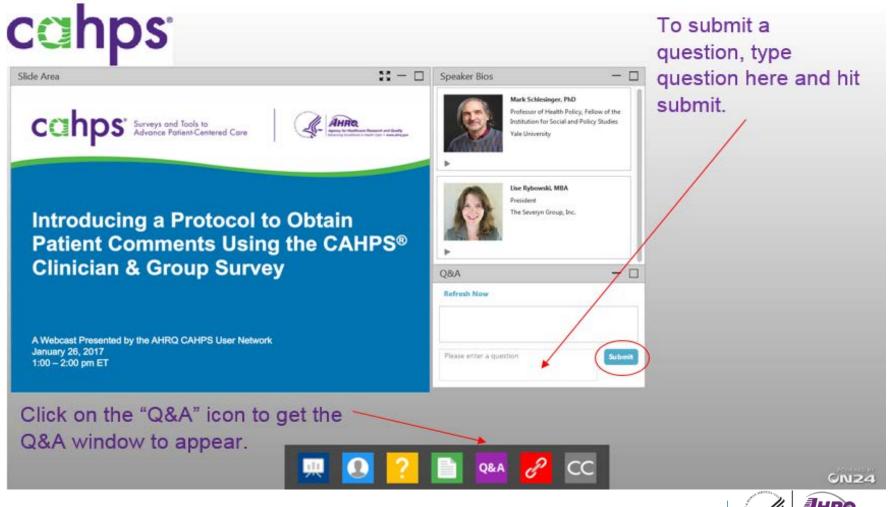


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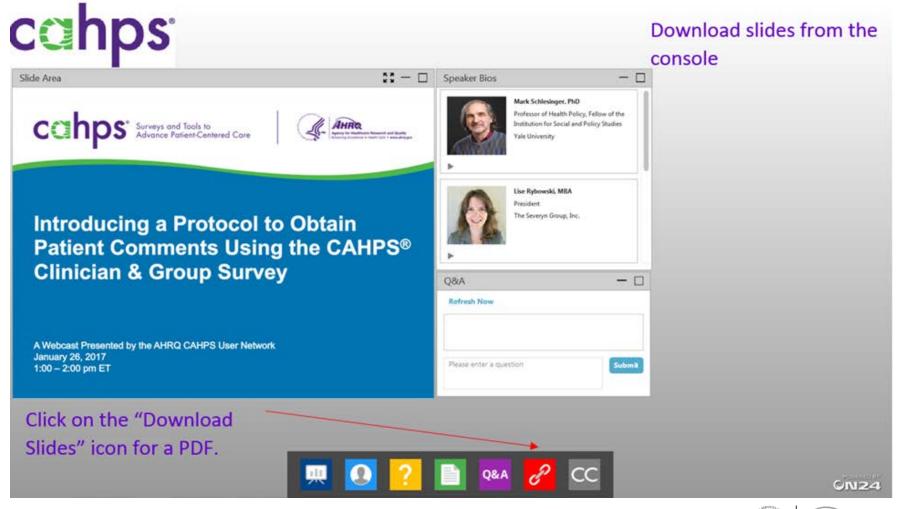
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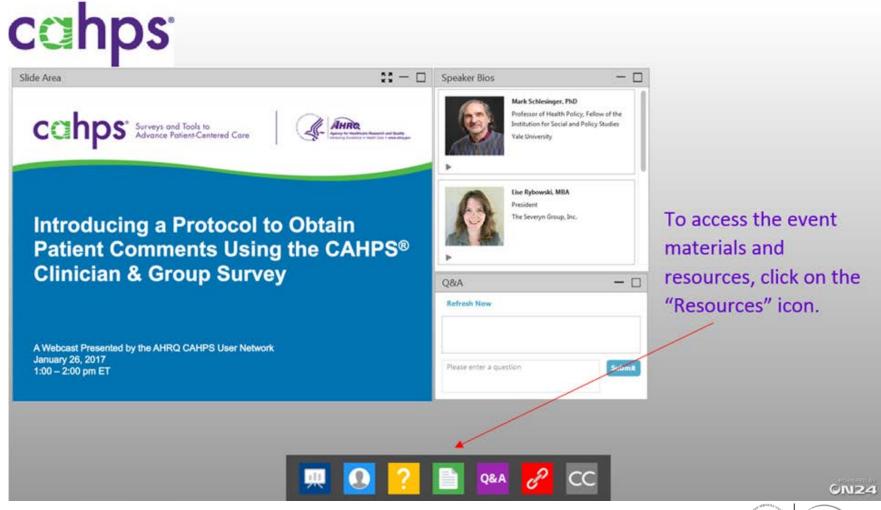


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# **First Polling Question**

# Which of the following best describes your current use of open-ended question(s) to collect patient feedback?

- I use open-ended question(s) as part of a CAHPS Clinician & Group Survey.
- I use open-ended question(s) as part of a different CAHPS survey (e.g., HCAHPS).
- I use open-ended question(s) as part of an in-house or proprietary vendor survey.
- I use open-ended questions administered on their own (e.g., via comment cards or a stand-alone survey).
- I do not use open-ended question(s) to collect patient feedback.

