





AHRQ Step Up App Challenge Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Question 1: Where can I find more information about the PROMIS® Measure?

Answer 1: Visit <https://www.ahrq.gov/stepupappchallenge/overview/phase-2.html>. You can also find more information about the PROMIS® API, computer adaptive testing (CAT), and selected short form below:

- [A brief guide to PROMIS® short form v1.0 – Physical Function 10a](#)  (PDF)
- [Request PROMIS® short forms](#) 
- [Register for credentials to use the API](#) 
- [Documentation on how to administer PROMIS® items using the API](#)  (Word).

Question 2: Is the challenge open to international participants?

Answer 2: The applicant needs to be an U.S. citizen or permanent resident and companies must be U.S. based. However, a U.S.-based team can have international team members. For eligibility rules, visit: <https://www.ahrq.gov/stepupappchallenge/how-to-enter.html#requirements>.

Question 3: Is there a limit to the number of participants per team?

Answer 3: There are no limits on the number of participants per team, but submissions will be judged on “team capabilities.” Multidisciplinary teams are encouraged.

Question 4: What kind of disciplines should be included in multidisciplinary teams?

Answer 4: App developers, patient reported outcome (PRO) researchers and implementers, and people with relevant clinical or technical backgrounds could be valuable assets to the team.


Question 5: Can the app be an existing app or does everything have to be built from scratch?

Answer 5: Existing apps or tools are acceptable as long as participants are able to modify and incorporate the challenge’s technical requirements. For more information about submission requirements, visit: <https://www.ahrq.gov/stepupappchallenge/overview/index.html>.

Question 6: Who will own the app at the end of this challenge?

Answer 6: For information about the challenge intellectual property (IP) rights, visit: <https://www.ahrq.gov/stepupappchallenge/how-to-enter.html#rights>.

Question 7: Does the app need to be HIPPA compliant?

Answer 7: Yes. The submission must be HIPPA compliant. For more information about HHS HIPPA Requirements visit <https://www.hhs.gov/hipaa/for-professionals/security/laws-regulations/index.html> 

For any additional questions about the challenge, please contact stepupappchallenge@sensisagency.com.