



# Submitting Public Comments

## U.S. Preventive Services Task Force Research Plans, Evidence Reviews, and Draft Recommendations



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### Instructions & Tips

The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF), an independent panel of national experts in disease prevention and primary care, makes evidence-based recommendations about clinical preventive services and seeks public comments on its draft Research Plans, Evidence Reviews, and Recommendation Statements. Comment periods are usually four weeks, and final Recommendation Statements will follow.

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- Click on the appropriate link for the topic you are interested in commenting on.
- In the yellow highlighted area you can click the “Leave a Comment” hyperlink to provide comments. You will also see an option under the yellow box to download the draft you would like to comment on.



- You will be prompted to check a box for a confidentiality/disclosure policy.
- You will be asked to answer questions such as, “Do you think this report includes all of the relevant studies?” If you think citations and information could be added, indicate that. This is an opportunity to offer advice, additions, or corrections.



- For name, address and affiliation, consider using “Clinician on behalf of self” or “Researcher” to avoid any appearance of an official U-M position (e.g., there is an option to choose “Member of a health care organization”).
- If you would like to provide additional feedback, you can attach a document at the end of the online form (no more than 15 pages total, 11 pt font size or higher).

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- If you use the “Back” button while filling out the online form, you will lose your comments.
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**USPSTF Coordinator**  
c/o USPSTF  
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