



Join Us for a Healthier Community

Be one of the approximately 400 communities across the country that are receiving federally funded support to improve care transitions and population health at the grassroots level. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) selected the Health Quality Innovation Network (HQIN) to assist communities in your area.

HQIN offers you the tools, training, data analyses and consultation to develop local solutions that make care safer, more accessible and less costly. You will also contribute to these significant national goals for healthier communities:

1. Reduce avoidable hospital admissions and readmissions.
2. Develop effective alternatives to emergency department visits and hospital admissions for “super-utilizer” patients who frequently visit the ER.
3. Increase access to behavioral health care for people with depression, substance use disorders and dementia.
4. Prevent opioid misuse, overdoses and deaths while increasing treatment availability.
5. Decrease adverse drug events for older adults.
6. Expand screening for chronic kidney disease and access to lifestyle change programs for people with cardiac risks or diabetes.
7. Reduce *C. difficile* in all settings of care.

How You Benefit

HQIN members learn how to implement sustainable changes that smooth the path from hospital to home, improve life for people with chronic conditions, and combat the opioid epidemic.

All are welcome to participate, including hospitals, nursing homes, home health agencies, clinicians, pharmacists, local governments, Area Agencies on Aging, emergency medical services, community-based organizations and faith communities. HQIN participation connects you with others in your vicinity that have similar goals and complementary strengths.

In addition to data reports that deliver clear and specific information, we provide improvement toolkits with everything you need to take action. We package education in bite-sized segments and make educational programming available to view on your own schedule.

Our team of quality improvement experts is made up of seasoned community health, social work and ambulatory care professionals. We monitor the performance of HQIN members and offer coaching to improve performance. Our experts are just a call or email away for as-needed consultation to keep your efforts on track.

Other benefits of HQIN membership include:

1. Regional and national networks for peer-to-peer learning
2. Training that strengthens your quality improvement skills
3. Knowledge and insights from regional and national experts
4. Resource recommendations that target your needs
5. Peer mentoring opportunities

What You Do

To see results, your commitment includes implementing and testing changes to improve care, making data available for analysis, reviewing data reports, participating in HQIN virtual learning events, and sharing your best practices with other communities.

What Others Are Saying

More than 55 communities participated with us in previous phases of this CMS-funded program. They say it made improvement easier and helped them achieve their goals.

“The consultation and analysis provided by HQIN is helping us provide better support to patients at greatest risk for readmission. Monthly data reports help our team track performance and identify where we need to focus our quality improvement efforts.”

Get Started Today

Visit www.hqin.org to complete and submit a participation agreement. Or contact the area improvement professional listed below for more information and help signing up.

HQIN is a network of organizations and individuals who are making health care better for millions of Americans. Members include providers, community-based organizations, health care associations, patients and families.

Call your area representative at 877.731.4746 or visit HQIN.org



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