



# TAKE A FRESH LOOK

## at Healthcare Quality in Pennsylvania

Quality Insights Quality Innovation Network works with providers and stakeholders to improve the quality of healthcare for people with Medicare who live in Pennsylvania. We offer free learning and networking opportunities, technical assistance, best practice tools and resources in the following focus areas to the following audiences.

### Available Assistance by Focus Area

	Physicians	Home Health	Long Term Care Facilities	Patients and Families
Adult Immunizations	✓	✓		✓
Antibiotic Stewardship	✓			✓
Cardiac Health	✓	✓		✓
Coordination of Care	✓	✓	✓	✓
Diabetes Care (Everyone with Diabetes Counts)	✓			✓
Increasing Medicare's Annual Wellness Visit Utilization	✓			✓
Medication Safety/High Risk Medications	✓			✓
Nursing Home Quality Improvement			✓	✓
Palliative Care and Hospice Referrals for Heart Failure Patients	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>Quality Payment Program Assistance</b>	✓			
Reducing Opioid Misuse and Diversion	✓			✓

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# FOCUS AREA DESCRIPTIONS



## Cardiac Health

- Helping practices and clinicians meet measures for the new Quality Payment Program
- Facilitating home health agency participation in the national Home Health Cardiovascular Data Registry
- Providing patient education tools on blood pressure and cholesterol control, as well as smoking cessation

## Diabetes Care: *Everyone with Diabetes Counts*

- Coordinating the *Everyone with Diabetes Counts* (EDC) program, which is a free community-based diabetes self-management education approach for people with Medicare who have diabetes

## Nursing Home Quality Improvement

- Partnering with key state-based stakeholders and the National Nursing Home Quality Care Collaborative (NNHQCC) to help nursing homes attain a score of six or better on the National Nursing Home Composite Quality Measure
- Improving the targeted rate of reduction in the use of unnecessary antipsychotic medication in dementia residents
- Reducing healthcare-acquired infections with a special emphasis on the reduction of *Clostridium difficile* infections in the long-term care setting

## Coordination of Care

- Forming community coalitions that unite stakeholders and providers to focus on reducing hospital admissions, readmissions and medication harm
- Developing evidence-based interventions to improve care transitions and reduce hospital admissions/readmissions

## Medication Safety/High Risk Medications

- Helping patients more safely use high-risk medications like anticoagulants, diabetes drugs and opioids to reduce adverse drug events (ADEs) that lead to emergency department visits and hospitalizations

## Antibiotic Stewardship

- Helping providers implement antibiotic stewardship programs to reduce unnecessary antibiotic use and antibiotic resistance

## Quality Payment Program Assistance

- Helping eligible providers meet the measures for the new Quality Payment Program (QPP) and smoothly transition into Alternative Payment Models (APMs)
- Promote the use of health information technology to improve access to care and coordination for Medicare beneficiaries

## Adult Immunizations

- Collaborating with physicians and home health agencies to increase the number of people with Medicare who receive recommended immunizations
- Working with providers on ways to use existing electronic health record (EHR) systems to target patients at highest risk and in greatest need of immunization and to track their immunization status

## Palliative Care and Hospice Referrals for Heart Failure Patients

- Improving care management for Chronic Heart Failure (CHF) patients by increasing appropriate patient referrals to palliative and hospice care and linking providers to other experts for referrals

## Reducing Opioid Misuse and Diversion

- Helping providers begin and continue to improve opioid prescribing practices to see a decrease in patients who fill opioid prescriptions from multiple providers and a decrease in patients who fill concurrent opioid prescriptions

## Increasing Medicare's Annual Wellness Visit Use

- Educating and supporting primary care practitioners as they encourage their patients to maximize use of Medicare-covered preventive benefits and increase the number of Medicare beneficiaries that receive Medicare's Annual Wellness Visit