Partners in Practice for Healthy Communities

Quality Improvement through Value-Based Payment, Quality Reporting, and the Physician Feedback Reporting Program

Join Us in Our Efforts to Improve Quality Care

Program Overview

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' (CMS) goal is to improve the U.S. health care system through the use of the three-part aim: better health for people and communities, better health care, and reduced health care costs through savings generated by improvements in quality. This effort is supported by the implementation of an increasing number of agreed upon quality measures, value-based payment, and quality reporting programs. These measures assess clinical quality of care, care coordination, patient safety, and patient and caregiver experience of care.

The Carolinas Center for Medical Excellence (CCME), part of the Atlantic Quality Innovation Network (AQIN), under the CMS 11th Statement of Work Partners in Practice for Healthy Communities will partner and work with:

- Inpatient Prospective Payment System (IPPS) hospitals’ inpatient and outpatient departments
- Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs)
- Inpatient Psychiatric Facilities (IPFs)
- Ambulatory Surgery Centers (ASCs)
- Physicians in their quality improvement efforts

Assistance will also be provided to meet or exceed national standards and reporting requirements for Inpatient Quality Reporting (IQR), Outpatient Quality Reporting (OQR), ASCs, IPFs, Hospital Value-Based Purchasing (HVBP) and Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS) where appropriate. Public reporting of quality measures and value-based payment performance data on the CMS Hospital Compare website will remain essential component of HVBP and CMS’ other quality reporting program.

Goals

- Increase the national performance levels on HVBP measures by at least 15 percent annually over baseline period performance.
- Increase the percentage of ASCs and IPFs that successfully improve quality on a poorly performing measure to at least 15 percent annually.
- Increase the percentage of hospital outpatient departments that demonstrate improvement in quality of care delivered, as determined by reported quality measures by 50 percent by 2019.
Strategies and Interventions

CCME consultants will provide:

- Education and assistance regarding the HVBP, improving Inpatient IQR and OQR, and ASCs and IPFs quality measures.

- Consultation in identifying gaps in quality care including disparity and coordination of care utilizing methods, strategies and interventions to improve quality metrics that demonstrate improvement.

- Assistance to CAHs regarding their voluntary participation in IQR and OQR programs and quality improvement efforts.

- Promote and support electronic health records incentive programs for eligible providers and hospitals.

- Access to resources and tools to help facilities improve.

The AQIN SC team invites all health care providers and stakeholders to be part of the Partners in Practice for Healthy Communities Program.

Interested Providers

If you are interested in participating in the Partners in Practice for Healthy Communities Program or if you have any questions, please contact Lynn M. Page, BSN, RN, at 803-212-7557 or Lynn.Page@hcqis.org.

About Atlantic Quality Innovation Network (AQIN)

The Carolinas Center for Medical Excellence (CCME) is a member of the AQIN, a Quality Innovation Network-Quality Improvement Organization (QIN-QIO), offering health care quality improvement learning opportunities, technical assistance, and resources across New York, South Carolina, and the District of Columbia. CCME serves as the QIN-QIO for South Carolina.