



# Quality Reporting and Incentive Programs for Hospitals

*The U.S. spends more on health care than any other industrialized country, according to the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) is implementing a number of quality measures, incentive and value-based purchasing programs to encourage the delivery of more efficient, higher quality health care to Medicare beneficiaries.*

The **New England QIN-QIO** is providing education and support to specific hospitals across the region as part of our **Quality Reporting and Incentive Programs for Hospitals** initiative. The NE QIN-QIO helps hospitals better understand and continue to meet the goals of CMS' hospital value-based purchasing and quality reporting programs, such as:

- Value-based Purchasing
- Quality Reporting
- Health IT incentives, such as Meaningful Use

Additionally, training and support also focuses on the analysis of the hospital-specific reports provided by CMS for quality reporting.

Through education, assessment and technical support, the key goal is to identify opportunities for improving the efficiency and coordination of care to improve health care for all in New England.

The initiative convenes health care providers from across the care continuum, including:

- Inpatient psychiatric facilities
- Acute care hospitals
- Critical access hospitals
- Inpatient and outpatient hospitals
- Prospective Payment System-exempt cancer hospitals
- Local stakeholders and partners, including Value Incentives and Quality Reporting Centers (VIQRCs)

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