

## **TMF TO LEAD REGIONAL HEALTH CARE IMPROVEMENT INITIATIVES**

TMF Health Quality Institute has been designated the Quality Innovation Network Quality Improvement Organization (QIN-QIO) by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services for Arkansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, Puerto Rico and Texas.

TMF has built a strong quality improvement team throughout the multi-state region to form the TMF QIN-QIO. Developing and maintaining strong partnerships with providers, state associations and other state and local stakeholder organizations will be important to achieving our joint goals of improving the quality of health care and achieving vibrant and successful health care communities. We are excited by the opportunity to work with providers and stakeholders on CMS state and regional initiatives. The QIN-QIO role is to act as facilitators, conveners and quality improvement technical experts to support and enhance your quality improvement efforts, spread quality improvement knowledge and expertise and create an all share, all teach learning environment. Our goals are to achieve significant improvements in health care quality, to be a trusted partner in your efforts to provide the highest quality and most efficient care to your patients and to assist you in becoming a successful partner in value-based purchasing.

The five-year contract directs specific health care improvement initiatives to accomplish better care, better health for people and communities and affordable care through improvements.

Initiatives include:

- Improving cardiac health and reducing cardiac health care disparities
- Reducing disparities in diabetes care
- Improving prevention efforts through Meaningful Use of health information technology
- Reducing infections in hospitals
- Reducing harm in nursing homes
- Assisting physicians/physician groups with value-based payment modifier
- Assisting hospitals with performance improvement to enhance reimbursement to Value Based Payment
- Assisting other health care related entities with alignment/linkages with other quality improvement programs and performance improvement
- Assisting hospitals with implementation of quality improvement projects to improve performance on quality data reporting measures, as needed
- Helping communities improve the coordination of health care for patients to help reduce unnecessary hospital readmissions and improve medication safety by reducing adverse drug events

The TMF QIN-QIO will engage health care providers and stakeholders in the improvement initiatives through numerous Learning and Action Networks (LAN). The networks are Web-based opportunities for participants to engage and share best practices through online forums as well as recorded and live webinars. The LANs also offer useful tools, resources and the latest health care news. All interested providers and stakeholders are encouraged to create an account and take advantage of the wealth of information and educational events that will be available to support your organization's quality improvement efforts. The TMF QIN-QIO will offer targeted technical assistance to providers participating in the projects. We will be actively reaching out and recruiting physicians, nursing homes, home health

agencies and hospitals to participate over the next several months, but feel free to contact us if you would like more information or want to identify your opportunities to participate. There is contact information on each Network page to reach the team for the project or you can submit a question to the QIN-QIO team online.

To join the networks and learn more about each of the projects visit <http://www.tmfqin.org/> and create an account.