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What is a Quality Improvement Organization (QIO)?

The QIO Program is the largest federal program dedicated to improving health quality at the community level - under contract with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), an agency of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

In partnership with patients, providers and practitioners, QIOs engage providers at all levels of performance in rapid-cycle projects for collaborative learning and action that accelerate healthcare quality improvement. Knowledge and tools for improving health quality, efficiency and value are also offered. QIOs protect Medicare beneficiaries by reviewing quality complaints and applying what is learned to improve the way providers deliver healthcare.

Role of CIMRO of Nebraska - Our Charge for Change

Since 2003, CIMRO of Nebraska has served as the Medicare QIO for the state of Nebraska. Healthcare providers in Nebraska that have partnered with us have demonstrated significant improvement in the quality of care provided to Medicare beneficiaries.

In August 2011, CMS gave the QIO Program an updated charter for leading change. Our efforts are closely aligned with other national health initiatives and the National Quality Strategy, which includes three aims: better patient care, better population health and lower healthcare costs.

From August 2011 through July 2014, we will partner with Nebraska healthcare providers and quality stakeholders to:

- Improve Individual Patient Care: assisting with the reduction in healthcare associated infections and conditions
- Improve Health for Populations and Communities - encouraging and assisting practitioners in providing key preventive services
- Integrate Care for Populations and Communities - promoting better care transitions and reducing avoidable hospital readmissions
- Deliver Beneficiary and Family Centered Care - engaging patients and their families by using their individual stories and experiences to inform care transformation

As an independent, objective and a trusted partner, we offer onsite consultation, technical assistance and resources, including structured educational learning and teleconferences. Quality improvement methodologies, best practice strategies and evidence-based resources are available. Through Learning and Action Networks (LANs), we work to ensure healthcare providers are given the tools to build an infrastructure that will ensure success and sustainability.

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Leadership and Contact Information

CIMRO of Nebraska is a nonprofit 501(c)6 corporation governed by an 11-member board of directors comprised of physicians, Medicare consumers and representatives from hospitals, nursing homes and homecare agencies.

For a listing of our current board members, visit the About Us page of our website.

Leadership

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