

# The American Health Care Landscape

## How Does Quality Fit In?

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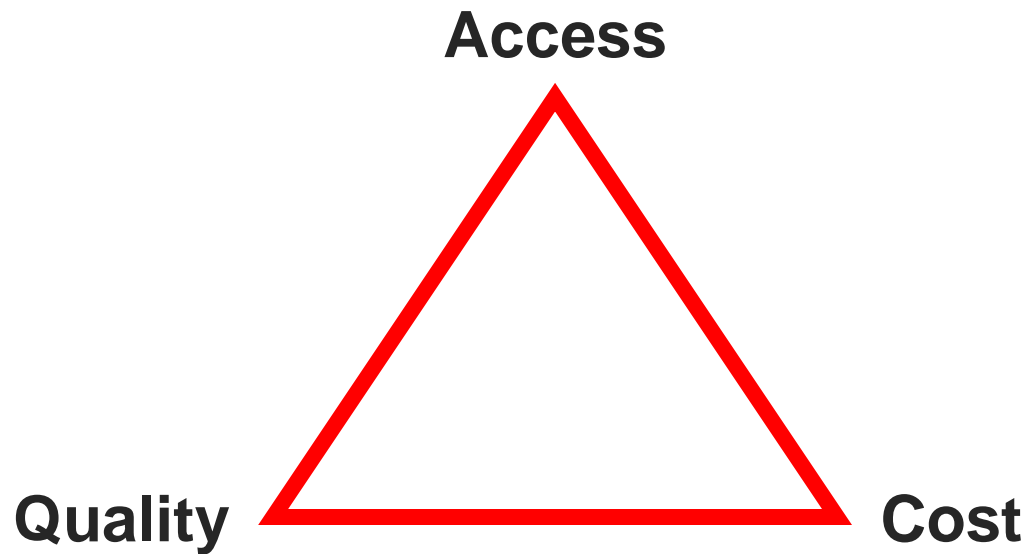
# Overview



- Quality and the health care landscape
- Quality and health care reform
- Is quality in the US working?
- Quality in and after the COVID pandemic

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# The Health Care Triangle



# Institute of Medicine: Quality

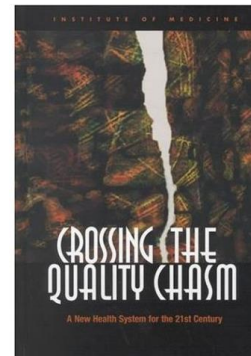


## Definition

- “The degree to which health services for individuals and populations **increase the likelihood of desired health outcomes** and are consistent with current professional knowledge”

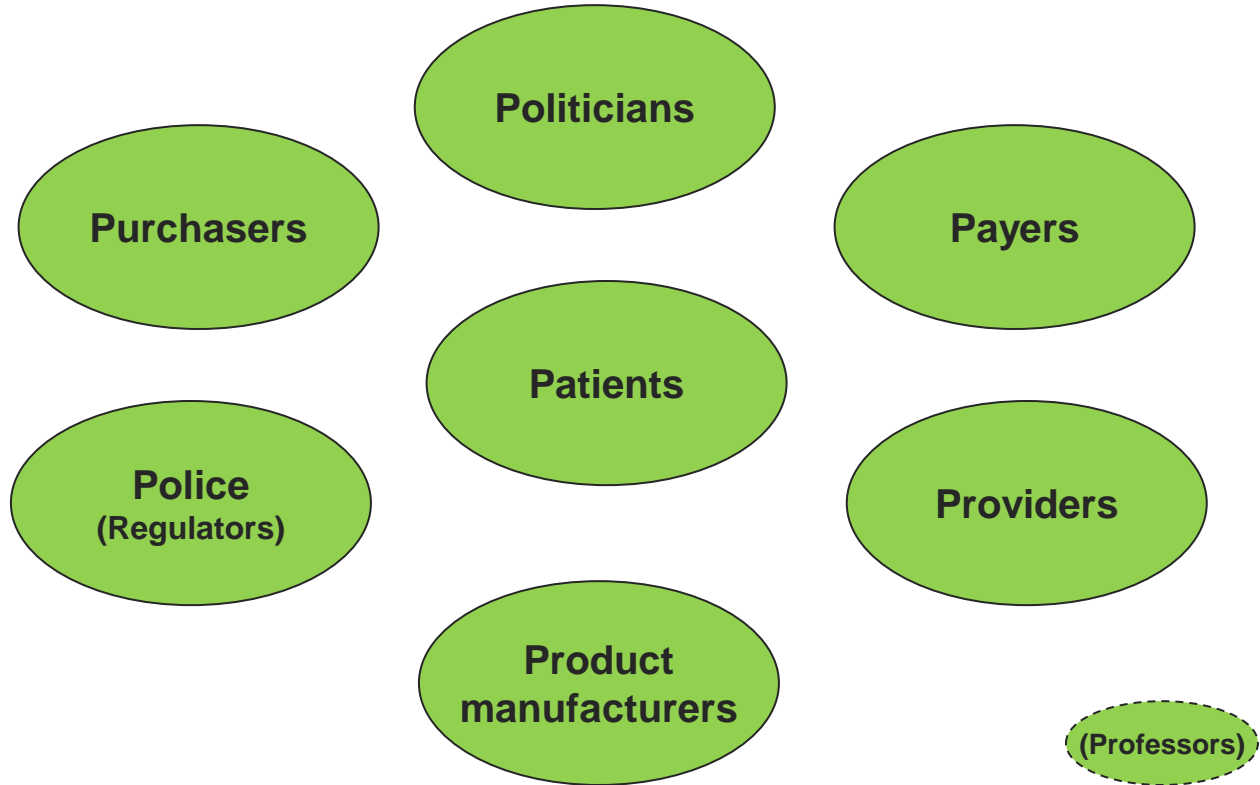
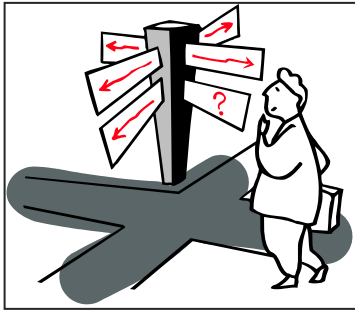
## Aims for 21<sup>st</sup> century health care

- Safe
- Timely
- Effective
- Efficient
- Equitable
- Patient-centered

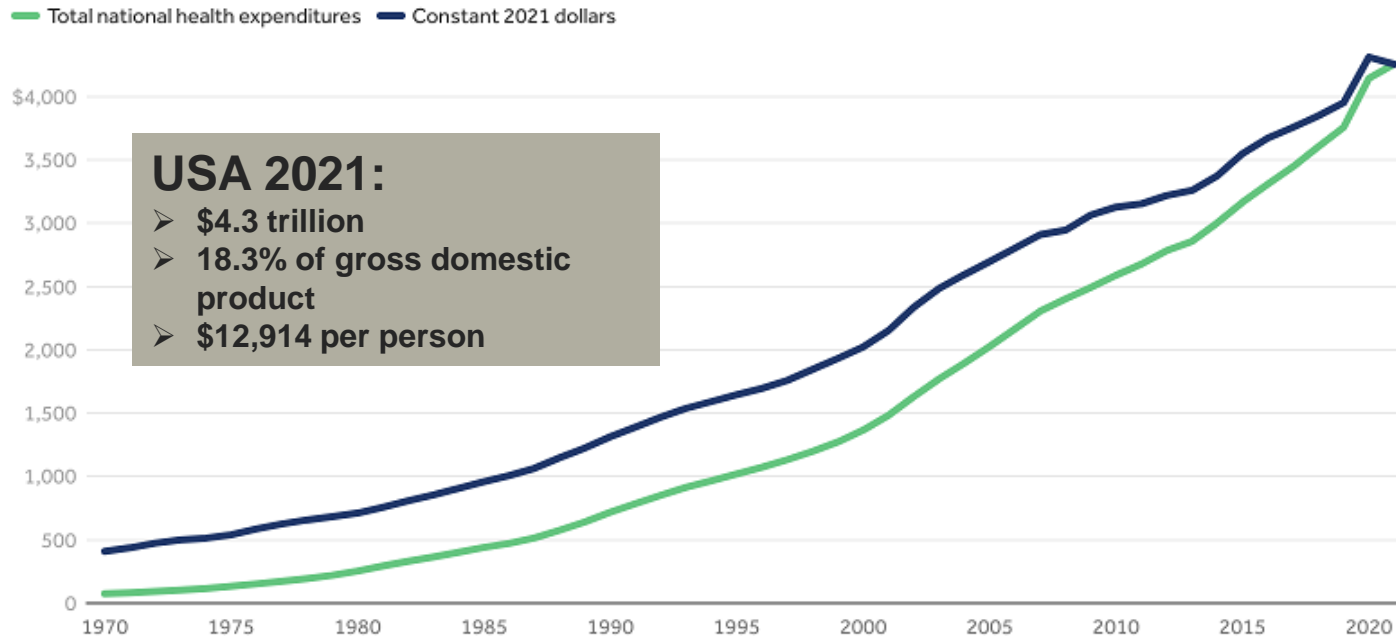


Source: Crossing the Quality Chasm, IOM, 2001

## A “P” Soup Approach



## Total national health expenditures, US \$ Billions, 1970-2021



Note: A constant dollar is an inflation adjusted value used to compare dollar values from one period to another.

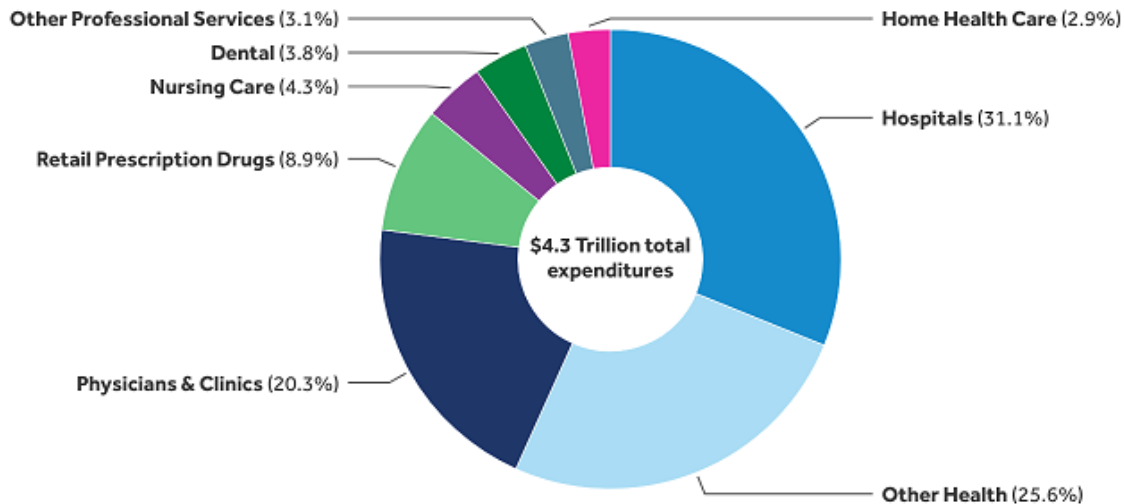
Source: KFF analysis of National Health Expenditure (NHE) data

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## Relative contributions to total national health expenditures, by service type, 2021



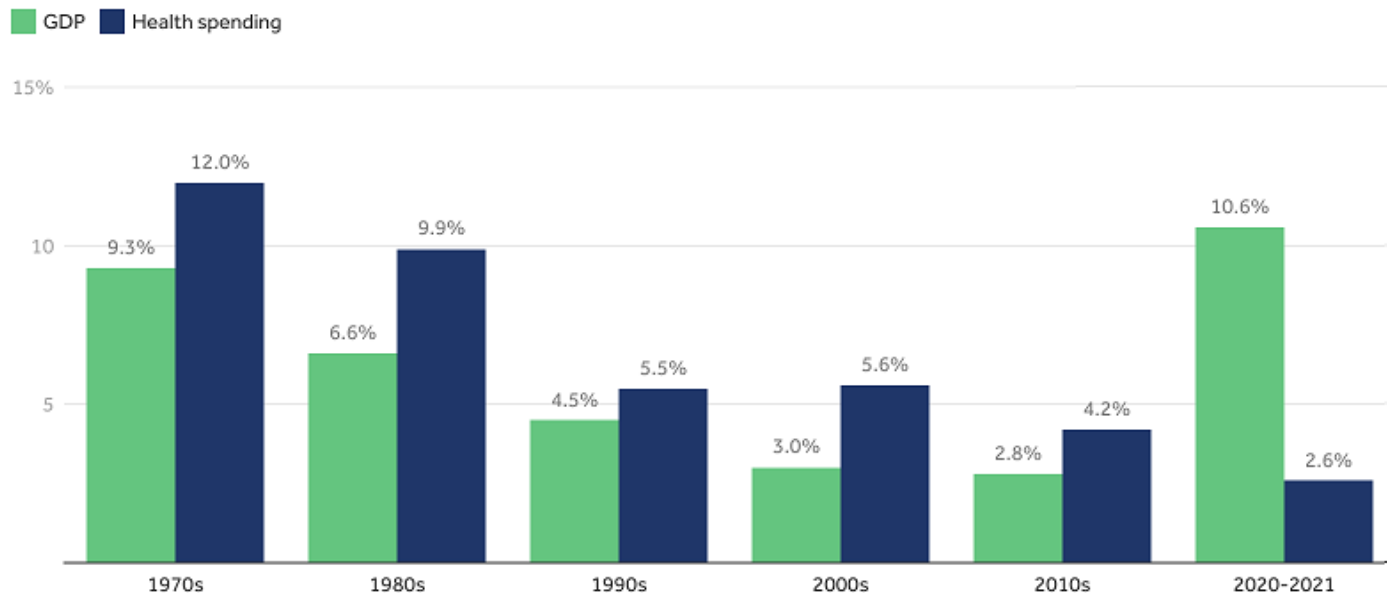
Note: 'Other Health' includes spending on durable and non-durable products; residential and personal care; administration; net health insurance; and other state, private, and federal expenditures. 'Other professional services' includes spending for services provided by chiropractors, optometrists, physical, occupational, and speech therapists, podiatrists, private-duty nurses, and others. Nursing care represents expenditures for nursing care facilities and continuing care retirement communities.

Source: KFF analysis of National Health Expenditure (NHE) data

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## Average annual growth rate of GDP per capita and total national health spending per capita, 1970-2021



Note: 2020-2021 represents a 1-year change.

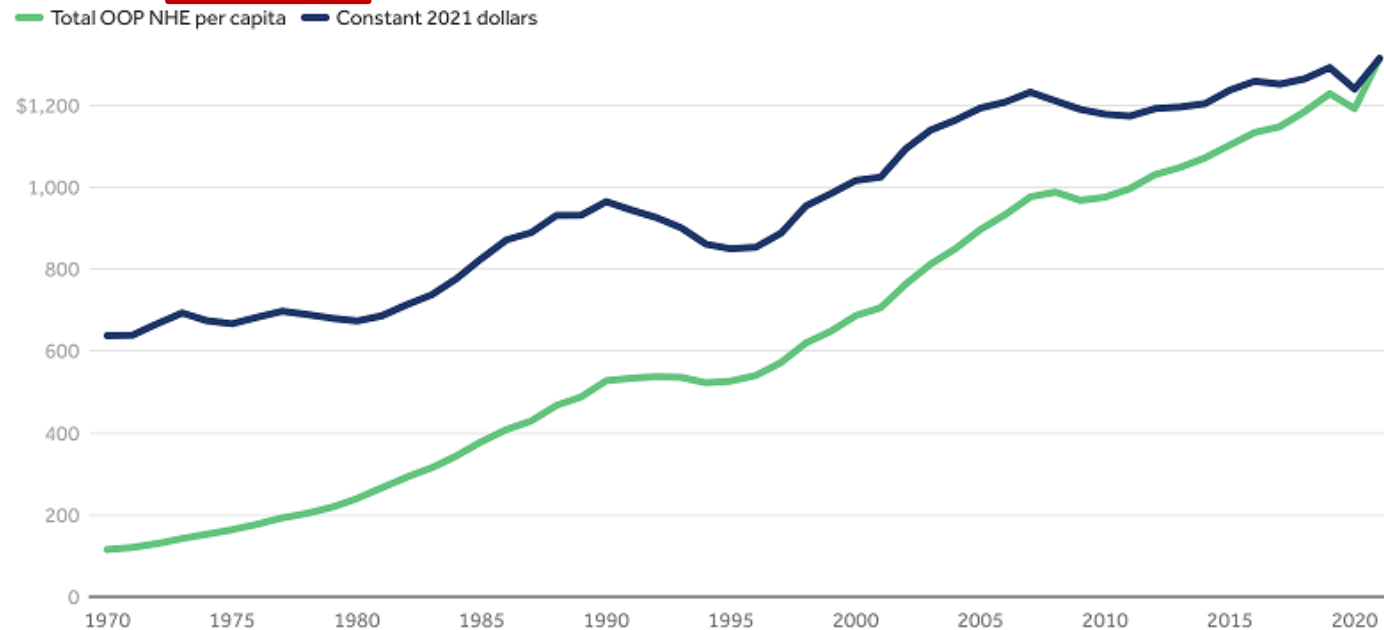
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## Per capita out-of-pocket expenditures, 1970-2021

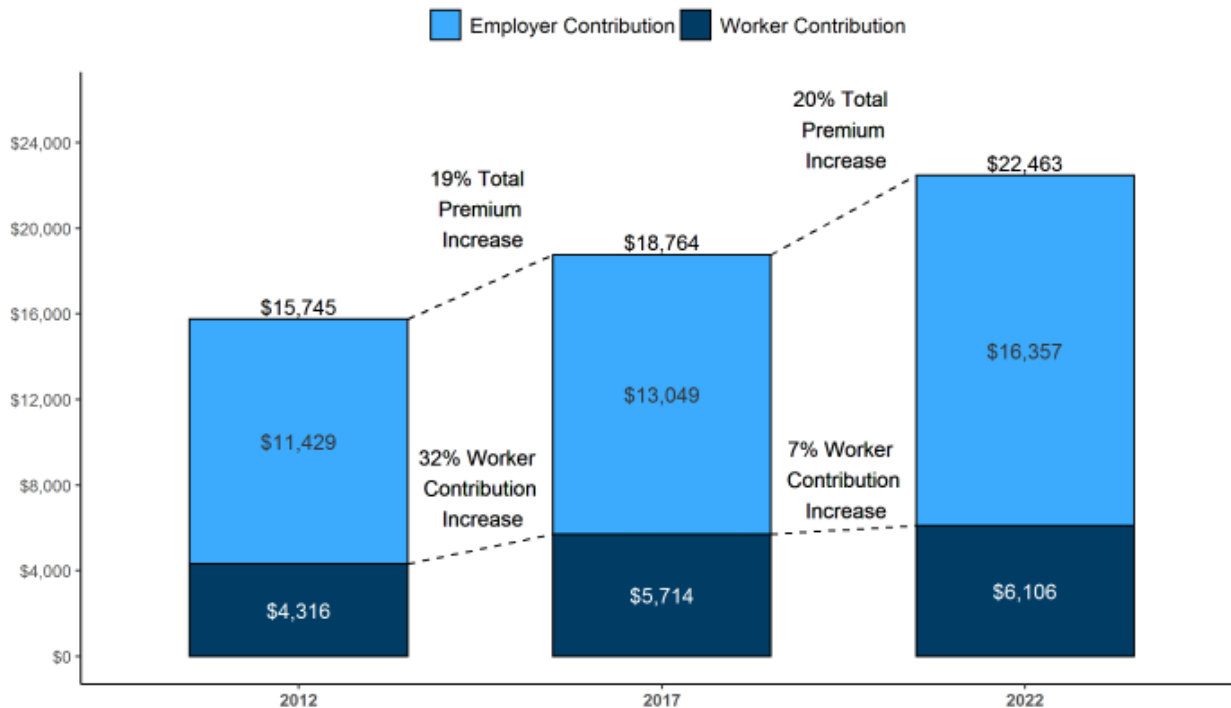


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## Average Annual Worker and Employer Premium Contributions for Family Coverage, 2012, 2017, and 2022



SOURCE: KFF Employer Health Benefits Survey, 2022; Kaiser/HRET Survey of Employer-Sponsored Health Benefits, 2012 and 2017

Available at, <https://www.kff.org/report-section/ehbs-2022-summary-of-findings/>. Accessed February 11, 2023.



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**We spend more on health care than we do on defense!**



- A. True
- B. False



## Life expectancy (2021) and per capita healthcare spending (2021 or nearest year, PPP adjusted)

Country	Life expectancy ▲	Health spending, per capita
United States	76.1	\$12,914
United Kingdom	80.8	\$5,387
Germany	80.9	\$7,383
Austria	81.3	\$6,693
Netherlands	81.5	\$6,190
Belgium	81.9	\$5,274
<b>Comparable Country Average</b>	<b>82.4</b>	<b>\$6,003</b>
France	82.5	\$5,468
Sweden	83.2	\$6,262
Australia	83.4	\$5,627
Switzerland	84.0	\$7,179
Japan	84.5	\$4,666

Notes: See Methods [section](#) of "How does U.S. life expectancy compare to other countries?"

Source: KFF analysis of CDC, OECD, Japanese Ministry of Health, Labour, and Welfare, Australian Bureau of Statistics, and UK Office for Health Improvement and Disparities data • [Get the data](#) • [PNG](#)

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# The NEW ENGLAND JOURNAL of MEDICINE

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SPECIAL ARTICLE

## Who Is at Greatest Risk for Receiving Poor-Quality Health Care?

Steven M. Asch, M.D., M.P.H., Eve A. Kerr, M.D., M.P.H., Joan Keeseey, B.A.,  
John L. Adams, Ph.D., Claude M. Setodji, Ph.D., Shaista Malik, M.D., M.P.H.,  
and Elizabeth A. McGlynn, Ph.D.

ABSTRACT

### BACKGROUND

American adults frequently do not receive recommended health care. The extent to which the quality of health care varies among sociodemographic groups is unknown.

### METHODS

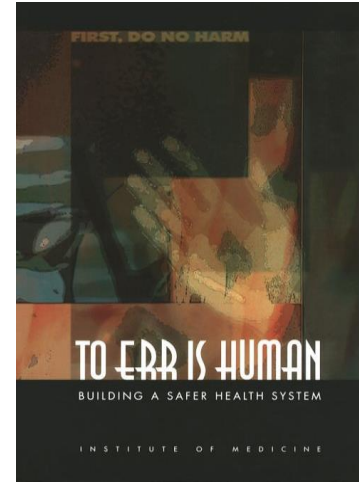
We used data from medical records and telephone interviews of a random sample of people living in 12 communities to assess the quality of care received by those who had made at least one visit to a health care provider during the previous two years. We constructed aggregate scores from 439 indicators of the quality of care for 30 chronic and acute conditions and for disease prevention. We estimated the rates at which members of different sociodemographic subgroups received recommended care, with adjustment for the number of chronic and acute conditions, use of health care services, and other sociodemographic characteristics.

From RAND Health, Santa Monica, Calif. (S.M.A., J.K.), L.A., C.M.S., S.M., E.A.M.); the Veterans Affairs Greater Los Angeles Health Care System and the Department of Medicine, David Geffen School of Medicine, UCLA — both in Los Angeles (S.M.A.); the Veterans Affairs Center for Practice Management and Outcomes Research, Veterans Affairs Ann Arbor Health Care System, and the Department of Internal Medicine, University of Michigan Medical School — both in Ann Arbor, Mich. (E.A.K.); and the Department of Medicine, Division of Cardiology, University of California, Irvine (S.M.).

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Asch, et al. *N Engl J Med* 2006;354:1147-1156

**“Overall,  
participants  
received 54.9  
percent of  
recommended  
care.”**



**“Health care in the United States is not as safe as it should be—and can be...as many as 98,000 people, die in hospitals each year as a result of medical errors that could have been prevented...”**

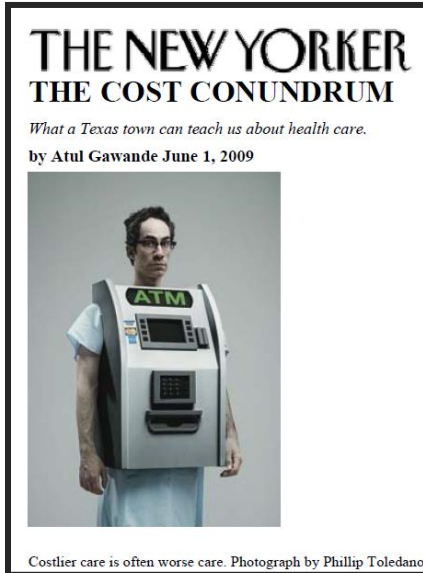
*Institute of Medicine, 1999*



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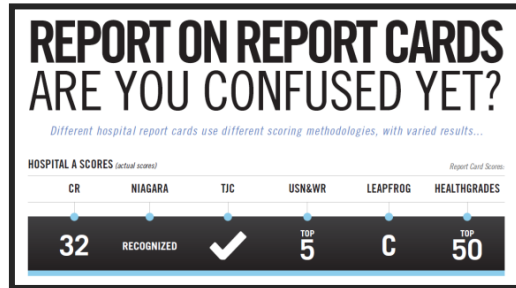
$$\text{Value} = \frac{\text{Quality}}{\text{Cost}}$$



“El Paso County, eight hundred miles up the border, has essentially the same demographics... Yet in 2006 Medicare expenditures (our best approximation of over-all spending patterns) in El Paso were \$7,504 per enrollee—half as much as in McAllen. An unhealthy population couldn’t possibly be the reason that McAllen’s health-care costs are so high.”



# Public Hospital Report Cards



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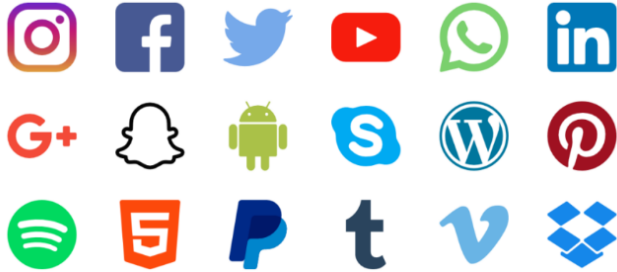
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### 1. Charles B. Wang Community Health Center

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Medical Centers   Family Practice   Obstetricians & Gynecologists   Chinatown

Open until 6:00 PM

“the right direction, actually got me my first **health care** insurance policy in 25 years and helped me...” [more](#)



### 2. Walk in Clinic NY

★★★★☆ 67

Urgent Care   Walk-in Clinics   Midtown East

Open until 7:00 PM

“With the choice of thousands of **health care** providers in Manhattan, I would recommend visiting...” [more](#)



### 3. Chelsea Foot & Ankle

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Podiatrists   Flatiron

Closed today

LGBTQ-owned

“He is the most friendly, professional and accessible **health care** provider you could hope for.” [more](#)



### 4. Oasis Chiropractic & Wellness Center

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Chiropractors   Physical Therapy   Hell's Kitchen

Closed today

“finding a restaurant, so I was a little skeptical about finding a **health care** professional.” [more](#)



# Patient and “Consumer” Choice




## Choice

- Geography
- Health Plan

## Practical

- Cost
- Health literacy
- Rationality

 The Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel 2017  
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Richard H. Thaler

Born: 1945, East Orange, NJ, USA

Affiliation at the time of the award: University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, USA

Prize motivation: “for his contributions to behavioural economics”

Prize share: 1/1

**“ . . . limited rationality, social preferences, and lack of self-control . . . these human traits systematically affect individual decisions as well as market outcomes.”**

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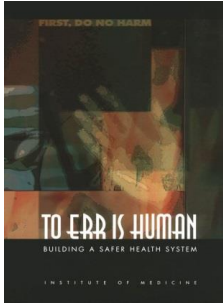
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# “Recent” Quality Milestones

1999



- Joint Commission National Patient Safety Goals
- Quality measure proliferation
- “Never” events

2003



Medicare Modernization Act

- Public reporting
- Pay for performance
- National Quality Forum growth
- Patient experience

2010



Affordable Care Act

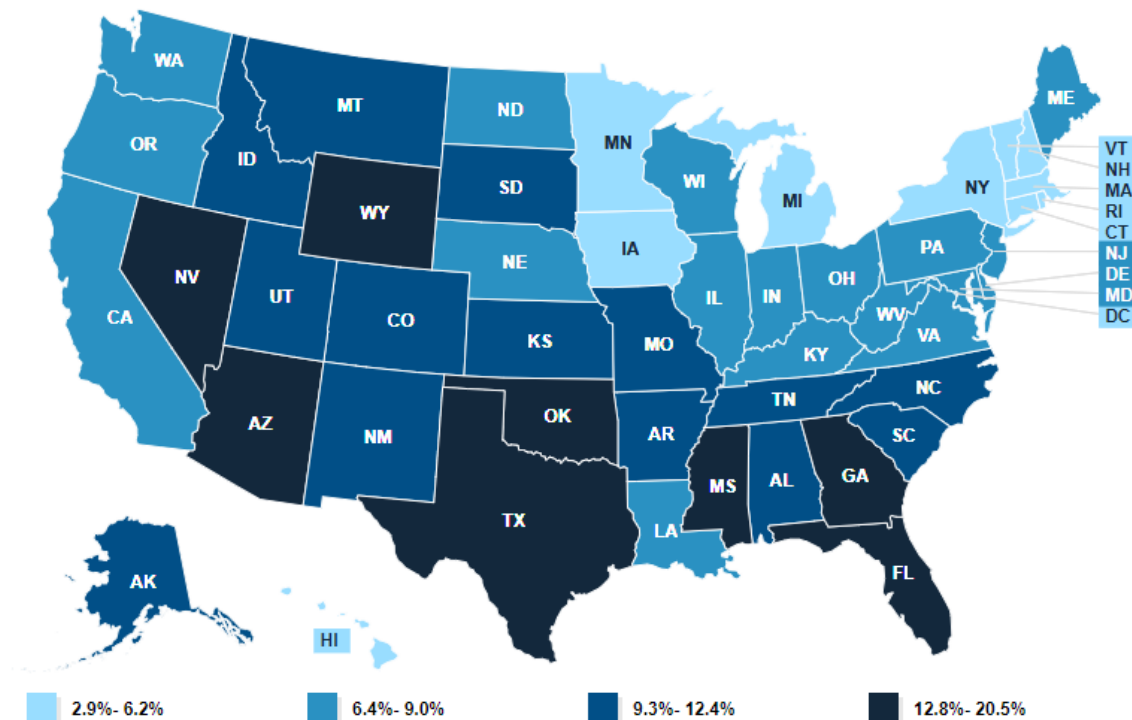
- Value based payment
- Accountable care
- Delivery system reform efforts



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# KFF Uninsured Rates for the Nonelderly by Age | KFF

Timeframe: 2021



## FEDERAL QUALITY PROGRAMS ORIGINATED OR CONTINUED VIA THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

	Inpatient Quality Reporting Program	Value Based Purchasing	Readmissions Reduction	Hospital Acquired Conditions Reduction	Physician Quality Reporting System → MACRA → QPP
Care Setting	Hospital	Hospital	Hospital	Hospital	Ambulatory
Inception Year	CY 2004	FFY 2013	FFY 2013	FFY 2015	CY 2007 (PQRS) CY 2017 (MACRA)
Current Measures	> 50	~ 20	~ 6	~ 6	> 300
Focus Areas	Care processes, costs, experience, outcomes, patient satisfaction, efficiency, readmission, volume	Clinical care processes, experience, outcomes, patient satisfaction, efficiency	CABG, COPD, heart attack, heart failure, joint replacement, pneumonia	Complications, infection rates	Specialty specific quality measures

-Excludes related state programs

-Excludes programs in health plan, long term care, home health, and other settings

# VALUE-BASED PROGRAMS



	2008	2010	2012	2014	2015	2018	2019
LEGISLATION PASSED	MIPPA	ACA		PAMA	MACRA		
PROGRAM IMPLEMENTED			ESRD - QIP HVBP HRRP	HAC	VM	SNF-VBP	APMs MIPS

## LEGISLATION

**ACA:** Affordable Care Act

**MACRA:** the Medicare Access & CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015

**MIPPA:** Medicare Improvements for Patients & Providers Act

**PAMA:** Protecting Access to Medicare Act

## PROGRAM

**APMs:** Alternative Payment Models

**ESRD-QIP:** End-Stage Renal Disease Quality Incentive Program

**HACRP:** Hospital-Acquired Condition Reduction Program

**HRRP:** Hospital Readmissions Reduction Program

**HVBP:** Hospital Value-Based Purchasing Program

**MIPS:** Merit-Based Incentive Payment System

**VM:** Value Modifier or Physician Value-Based Modifier (PVBm)

**SNFVBP:** Skilled Nursing Facility Value-Based Purchasing Program

# What Percent of Reimbursement Can a Hospital Lose Under the ACA's Quality Programs?



- A. About 0.6%
- B. About 6%
- C. About 16%
- D. About 26%
- E. All of it!

**The losses above are applicable to Medicare payments only?**

- A. True
- B. False



# NATIONAL CLINICAL EFFECTIVENESS RESULTS

**Table 2. Performance Rates for Process-of-Care Measures among Patients Hospitalized for Acute Myocardial Infarction, Heart Failure, or Pneumonia, According to Race or Ethnic Group, 2005 and 2010.\***

Process-of-Care Measure	Whites			Blacks			Hispanics		
	2005	2010	Adjusted Change, 2005–2010†	2005	2010	Adjusted Change, 2005–2010†	2005	2010	Adjusted Change, 2005–2010†
	percent		percentage points (95% CI)	percent		percentage points (95% CI)	percent		percentage points (95% CI)
<b>Acute myocardial infarction</b>									
Administration of aspirin at arrival	95.3	98.9	3.8 (3.6–3.9)	94.5	98.4	4.1 (3.7–4.5)	95.4	98.7	3.4 (2.9–4.0)
Administration of aspirin at discharge	95.8	98.9	3.4 (3.2–3.6)	93.8	98.1	4.5 (4.0–4.9)	93.9	98.3	4.6 (3.8–5.4)
Administration of ACE inhibitor or ARB for LVSD	83.3	96.4	13.5 (12.9–14.0)	84.0	96.9	13.2 (12.2–14.2)	82.0	96.0	14.3 (12.4–16.2)
Smoking-cessation counseling	92.8	99.6	7.2 (6.7–7.6)	89.0	99.6	10.8 (9.5–12.1)	86.1	99.6	13.6 (11.3–16.0)
Administration of beta-blocker at discharge	94.8	98.6	3.9 (3.7–4.2)	93.7	98.2	4.6 (4.2–5.1)	93.0	98.2	5.3 (4.5–6.2)
Use of PCI within 90 min after arrival at hospital	43.4	91.7	49.1 (47.9–50.3)	29.2	86.3	57.6 (55.1–60.2)	34.1	89.7	56.4 (53.4–59.3)
<b>Heart failure</b>									
Provision of discharge instructions	58.6	89.6	31.0 (30.0–32.1)	56.7	89.8	32.9 (31.4–34.5)	52.1	91.3	39.1 (36.1–42.1)
Assessment of LVF	89.5	98.0	8.0 (7.6–8.3)	90.7	98.4	7.1 (6.6–7.6)	89.2	98.1	8.1 (7.1–9.1)
Administration of appropriate ACE inhibitor or ARB for LVSD	81.4	94.4	13.8 (13.3–14.3)	85.4	96.1	11.4 (10.8–12.0)	83.1	95.3	12.8 (11.3–14.3)
Smoking-cessation counseling	83.1	98.5	15.5 (14.8–16.2)	83.0	99.0	16.0 (14.7–17.3)	77.2	98.8	21.7 (18.6–24.7)
<b>Pneumonia</b>									
Administration of antibiotic within 6 hr	89.9	96.2	6.3 (6.0–6.5)	84.6	94.0	9.4 (8.8–10.0)	84.7	94.4	9.7 (8.8–10.5)
Administration of appropriate antibiotic	80.2	92.7	12.6 (12.2–13.0)	79.2	93.3	13.8 (13.1–14.6)	78.9	93.7	14.6 (13.4–15.9)
Blood culture within 24 hr in ICU	83.8	96.2	12.5 (12.0–13.0)	87.2	96.8	9.5 (8.7–10.3)	87.3	96.7	9.2 (7.9–10.5)
Blood culture before administration of antibiotic	83.9	96.4	12.7 (12.3–13.0)	80.7	95.4	14.7 (14.0–15.5)	81.1	95.4	14.4 (13.4–15.3)
Smoking-cessation counseling	78.9	97.7	18.9 (18.2–19.6)	77.2	98.2	21.1 (19.6–22.6)	71.4	97.7	25.8 (23.3–28.4)
Pneumococcal vaccination	63.9	94.5	30.6 (29.7–31.4)	49.1	91.5	42.4 (40.8–44.0)	47.5	93.0	45.7 (42.7–48.7)
Influenza vaccination	57.9	92.9	35.2 (34.4–36.0)	43.9	89.5	45.7 (44.2–47.2)	43.7	91.4	47.7 (45.4–49.9)

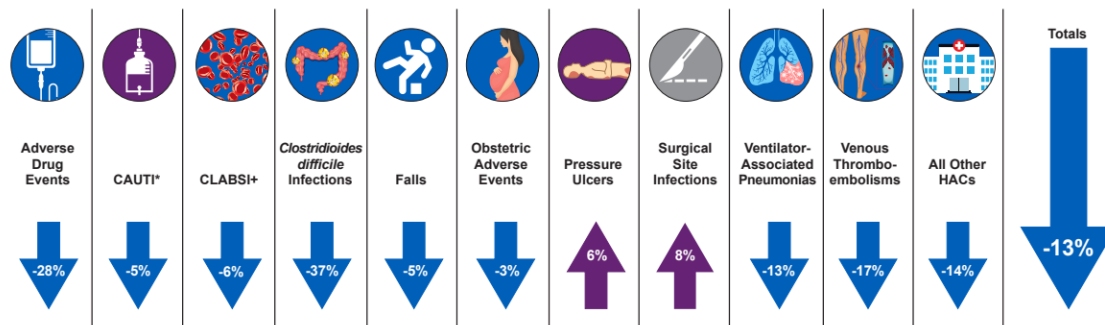
# Hospital Acquired Conditions

## National Results, 2014-2017



### Declines in Hospital-Acquired Conditions

National efforts to reduce hospital-acquired conditions such as adverse drug events and injuries from falls helped prevent 20,700 deaths and saved \$7.7 billion between 2014 and 2017.



\*CAUTI - Catheter-Associated Urinary Tract Infections

+CLABSI - Central Line-Associated Bloodstream Infections

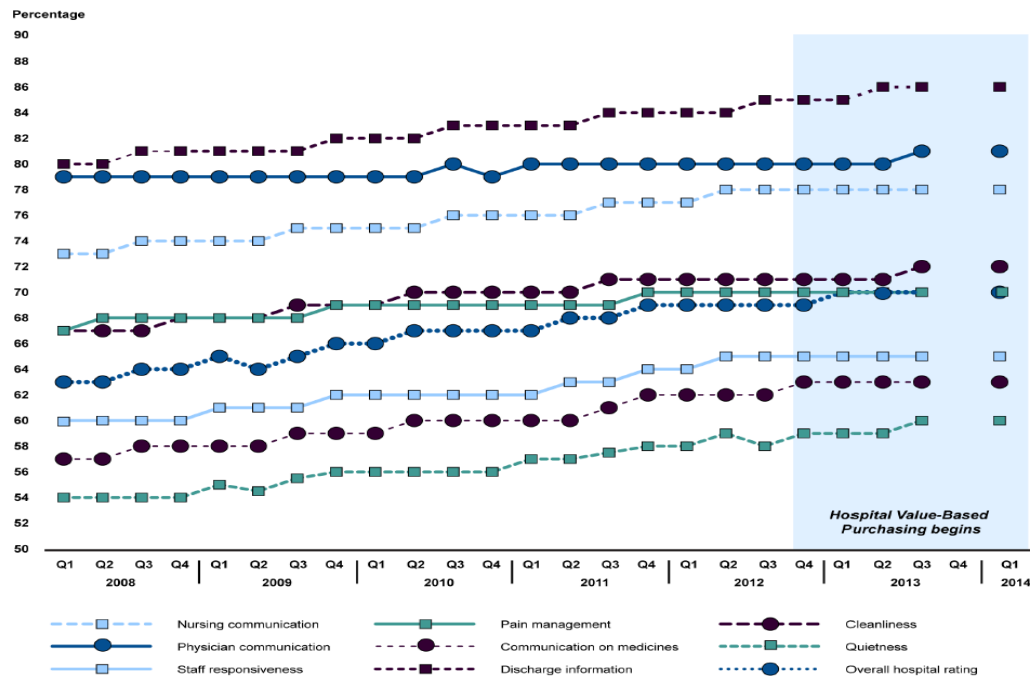
\*\*The percent change numbers are compared to the 2014 measured baseline for HACs.

Source: AHRQ National Scorecard on Hospital-Acquired Conditions Final Results for 2014-2017

# Patient Experience, 2008 - 2014

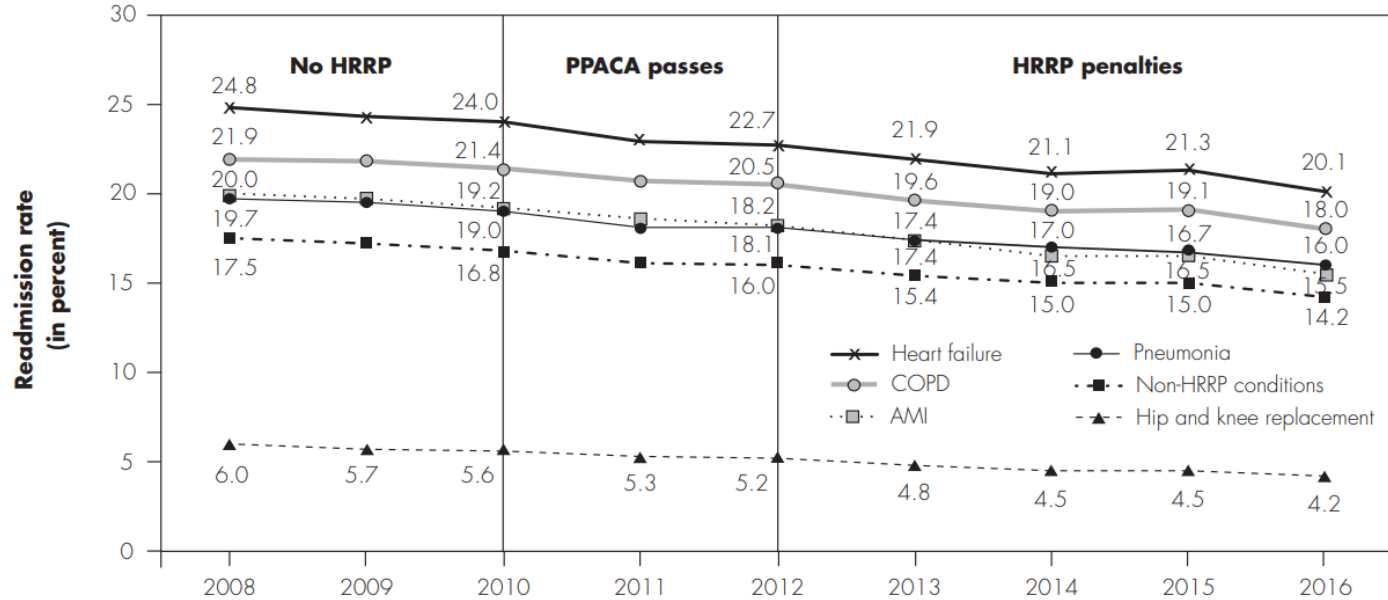


Figure 4: Median Hospital Scores on Patient Experience Measures, 2008 through 2014



Source: GAO analysis of CMS data. | GAO-16-9

Source: US Government Accountability Office. GAO-16-9: October 1, 2015. <http://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-16-9?source=ra>. Accessed February 17, 2023.

**FIGURE  
1-4****Risk-adjusted changes in unplanned readmission rates by condition, 2008-2016**

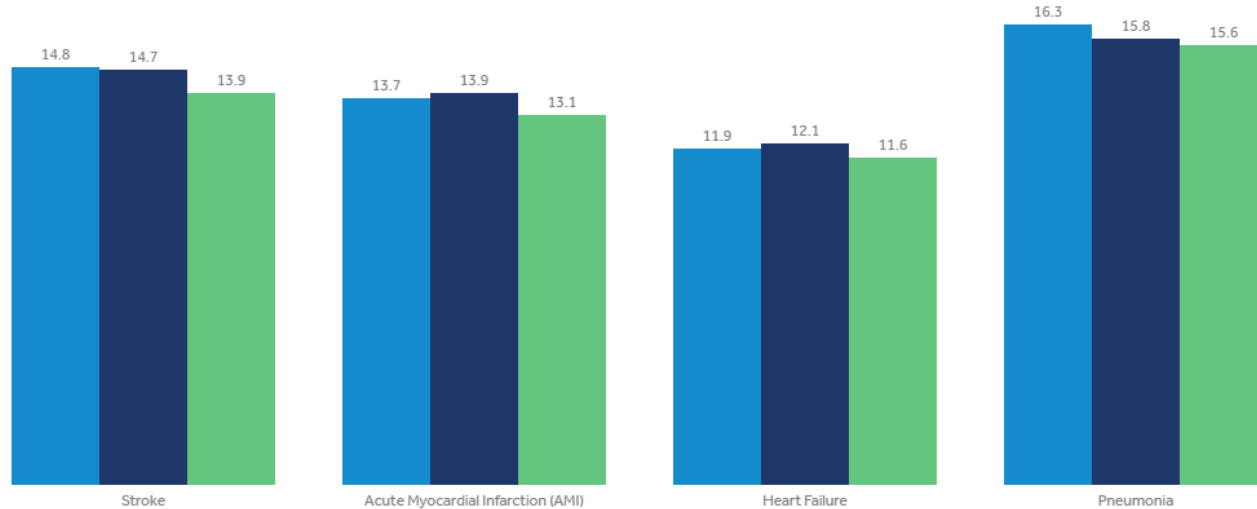
Note: HRRP (Hospital Readmissions Reduction Program), PPACA (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010), COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease), AMI (acute myocardial infarction). The pneumonia measure reflects the expanded definition used starting in fiscal year 2016, which includes simple pneumonia, aspiration pneumonia, and sepsis with pneumonia as a secondary diagnosis.

Source: MedPAC analysis of Medicare claims files for Medicare fee-for-service beneficiaries ages 65 or older.



Median hospital risk-standardized mortality rates in the 30 days after hospital admission for pneumonia, stroke, acute myocardial infarction (AMI), and heart failure, among Medicare patients age 65+

■ July 2013-June 2014 ■ July 2014-June 2015 ■ July 2015-June 2016



Source: Kaiser Family Foundation analysis of data from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Hospital Compare datasets and Medicare Hospital Quality Chartbook (Accessed November 15, 2018).

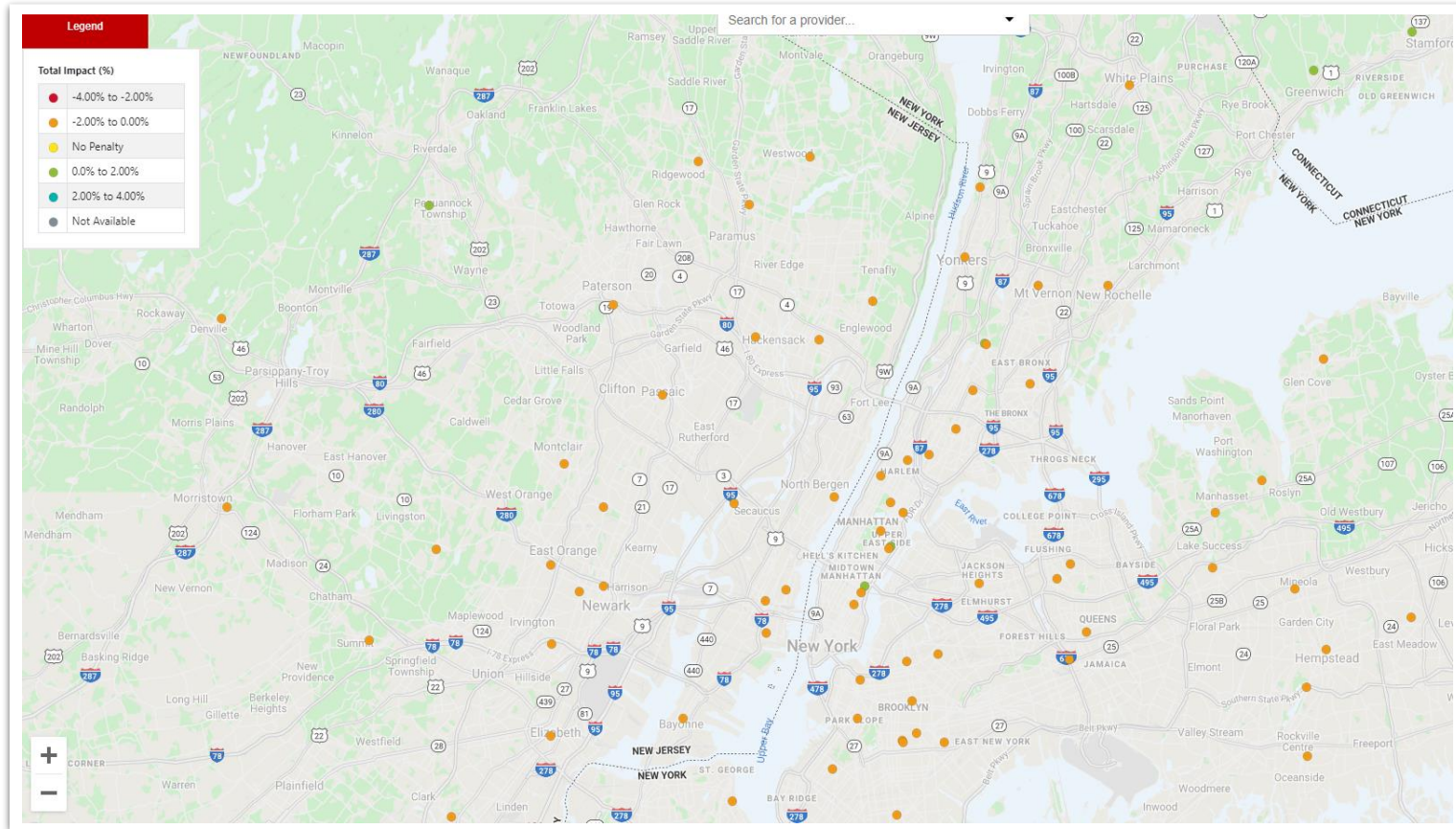
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# Adding Up Value Programs

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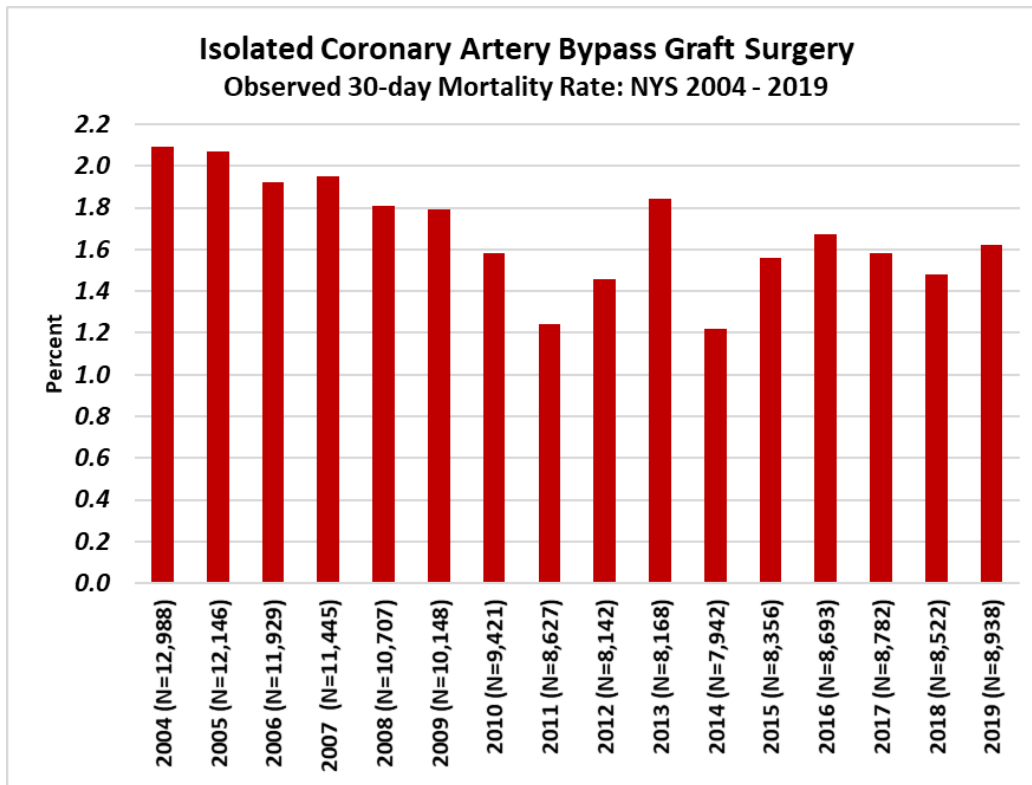
Source: Advisory Board. National pay-for-performance map. Available at, <https://www.advisory.com/research/health-care-advisory-board/resources/2013/pay-for-performance-map>. Accessed January 10, 2020.

# Public Reporting vs. Payment



From 1989 – 1992, the in-hospital observed mortality rate of isolated CABG surgery in New York State was **3.11%**

Source: Hannan EL, et al. *Ann Thorac Surg.* 1994;58:1852-7.



## ADULT CARDIAC SURGERY

in New York State  
2017-2019

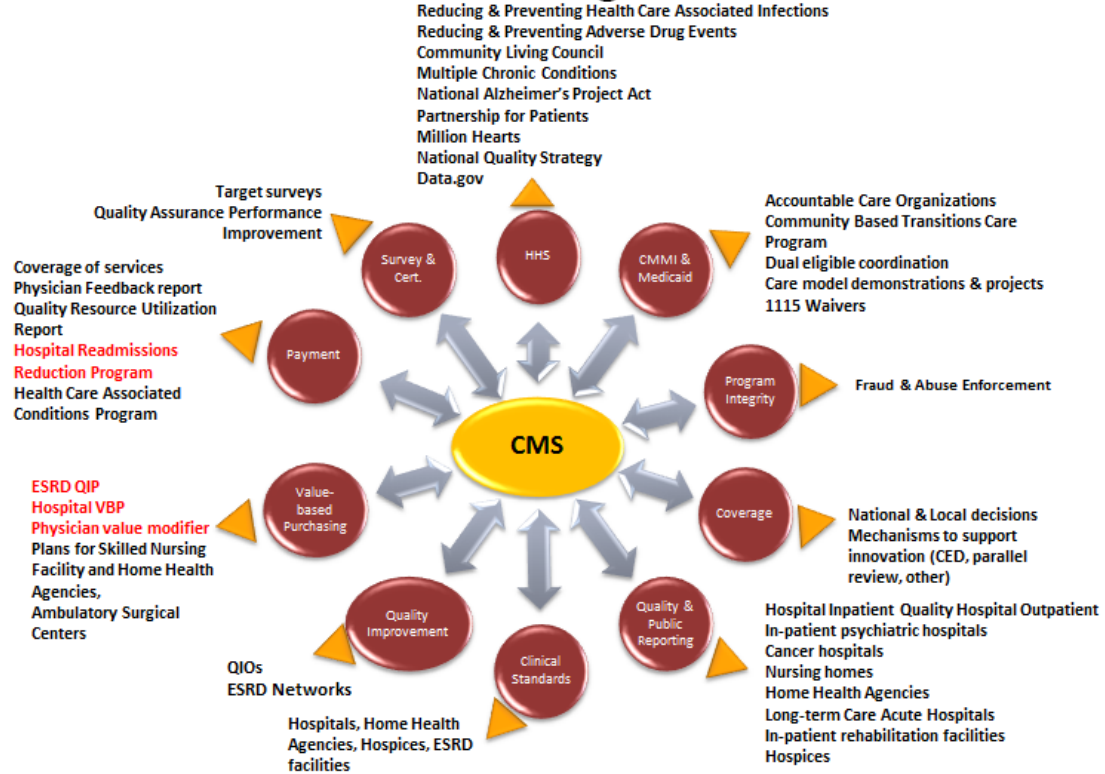






# Beyond the Hospital...

## CMS Authorized Programs & Activities





# Accountable Care Organizations



**“A set of providers associated with a defined population of patients, accountable for the quality and cost of care delivered to that population”**

**MEDPAC** *Advising the Congress on Medicare issues*

Source: [http://www.medpac.gov/chapters/Jun09\\_Ch02.pdf](http://www.medpac.gov/chapters/Jun09_Ch02.pdf)

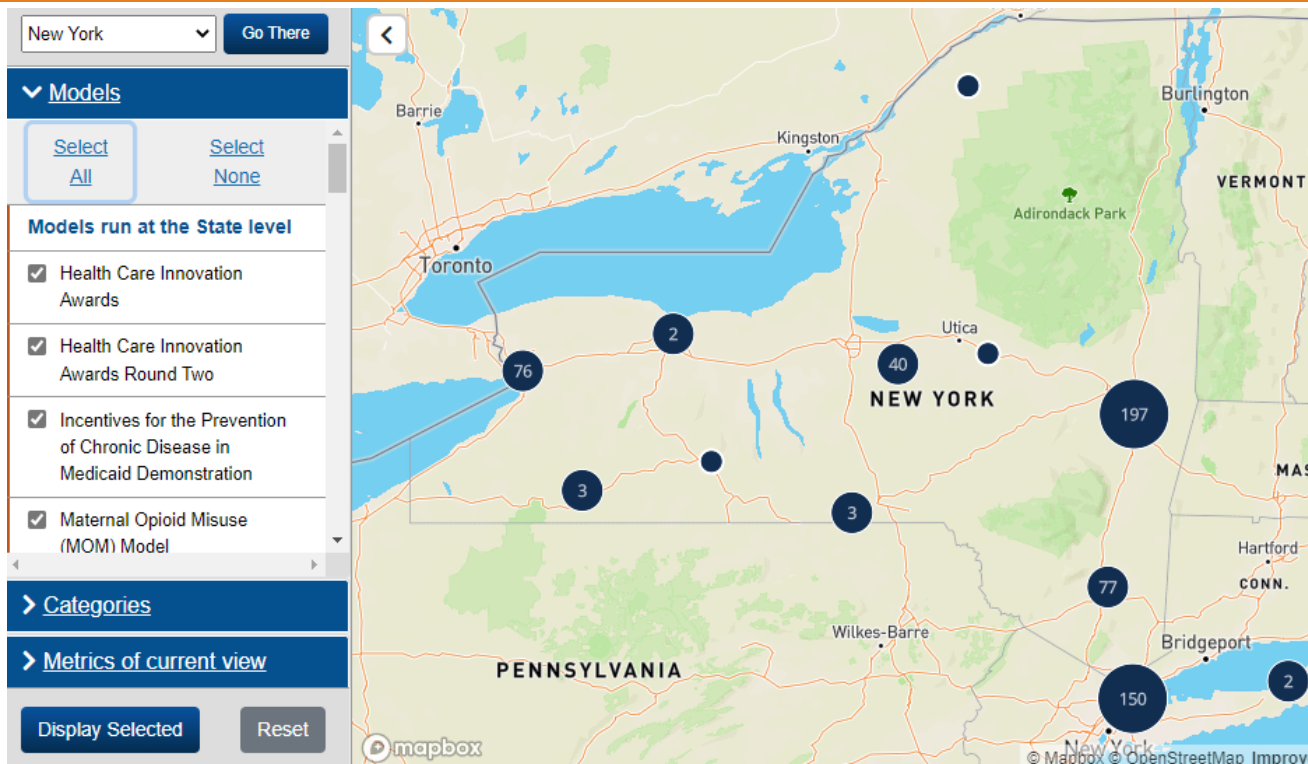
## ***Triple Aim***

- Experience
- Health
- Cost
- “...three aims: improving the experience of care, improving the health of populations, and reducing per capita costs of health care...”

Berwick DM, et al. *Health Affairs*. 2008:759-769

# CMMI Innovation Projects

## New York, as of February 2023



Source: Center for Medicare & Medicaid Innovation. <http://innovation.cms.gov>. Accessed February 17, 2023.

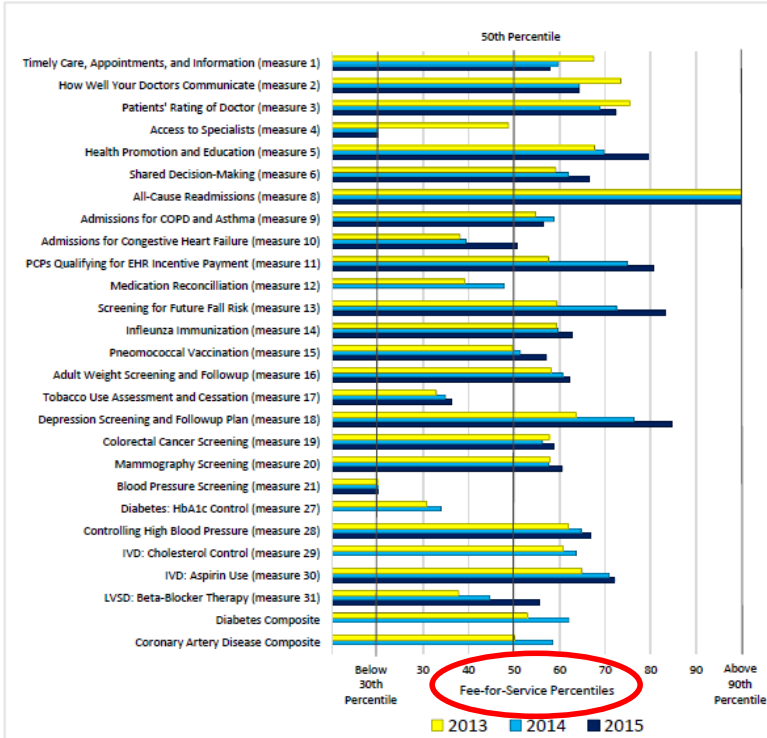
# Does Care Management Reduce Health Spending?



- A. Yes
- B. No
- C. It depends...

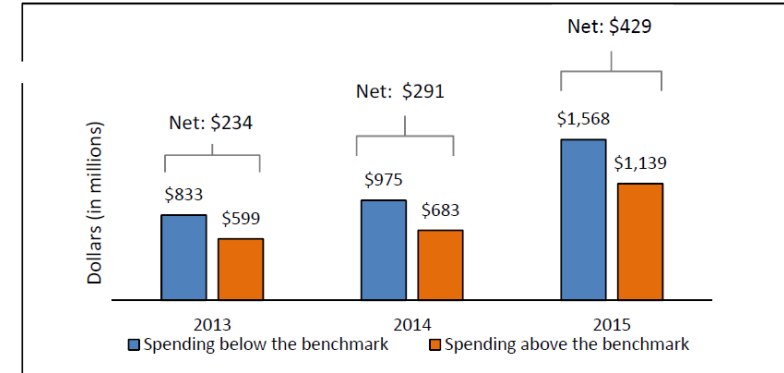
# EVIDENCE ON MEDICARE SHARED SAVINGS PROGRAM ACOs 2013-2015

Exhibit C-1: ACOs' Performance on Quality Measures Compared to Fee-for-Service Providers, 2013 to 2015



**“In the first 3 years of the program, a total of 428 ACOs served 9.7 million beneficiaries...”**

Exhibit 5: ACOs' Medicare Spending Above and Below Their Benchmarks, 2013 to 2015 (in millions)



Source: OIG analysis of ACO spending data, 2017.

# Evidence on Bundled Payment Programs



HealthAffairs

REVIEW ARTICLE

## The Impact Of Bundled Payment On Health Care Spending, Utilization, And Quality: A Systematic Review

**“Twenty studies that we identified through search and screening processes showed that bundled payment maintains or improves quality while lowering costs for lower extremity joint replacement, but not for other conditions or procedures.”**

Source: Agarwal R, et al. *Health Affairs*. 2020. 39(1):50–57

### EXHIBIT 2

Summary of results from 20 studies that compared a bundled payment model and fee-for-service reimbursement, by study outcome

Outcome	Direction of outcome	ACE	BPCI	CJR	Overall
<b>HEALTH CARE SPENDING</b>					
Episode payments	–	0/2	5/12	1/3	6/16
Spending by type					
Inpatient hospitalization	–	0/2	3/8	0/1	3/10
Postacute care period	–	1/1	2/2	— <sup>a</sup>	3/3
Institutional postacute care	–	— <sup>a</sup>	1/1	1/1	2/2
Skilled nursing facility	–	0/2	3/4	1/1	4/6
Inpatient rehabilitation facility	–	0/2	3/5	1/1	4/7
Long-term acute care hospital	–	0/1	0/3	0/1	0/4
Home health agency	+	0/2	3/6	0/1	3/8
<b>UTILIZATION</b>					
Discharge to:					
Postacute care facility	–	— <sup>a</sup>	5/9	2/3	7/12
Home health agency	–	— <sup>a</sup>	2/5	0/2	2/7
Home or self-care	+	— <sup>a</sup>	1/5	0/1	1/6
Length-of-stay					
Inpatient	–	1/1	7/11	1/2	8/13
Postacute care facility	–	— <sup>a</sup>	1/4	1/2	2/6
<b>QUALITY</b>					
All-cause readmission rate	–	1/2	4/14	1/3	6/18
Complication rate	0	1/1	— <sup>a</sup>	3/3	4/4
Mortality	0	1/1	2/2	1/1	4/4
Emergency department visits	0	1/1	3/3	2/2	5/5
<b>UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES</b>					
Risk selection or case complexity	+	— <sup>a</sup>	1/3	0/2	1/5
Volume	–	— <sup>a</sup>	3/3	2/2	5/5

# Evidence on Complex Care Management



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NEW YORKER

MEDICAL REPORT JANUARY 24, 2011 ISSUE

## THE HOT SPOTTERS

*Can we lower medical costs by giving the neediest patients better care?*



By Atul Gawande January 16, 2011

**“The Camden Coalition has been able to measure its long-term effect on its first thirty-six super-utilizers. They averaged sixty-two hospital and E.R. visits per month before joining the program and thirty-seven visits after—a forty-per-cent reduction. Their hospital bills averaged \$1.2 million per month before and just over half a million after—a fifty-six-per-cent reduction.”**

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## Health Care Hotspotting — A Randomized, Controlled Trial

**“In this randomized, controlled trial involving patients with very high use of health care services, readmission rates were not lower among patients randomly assigned to the Coalition’s program than among those who received usual care.”**

Source: Finkelstein A, et al. *N Engl J Med* 2020;382:152-62.



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## Quality and Safety During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Press release

### CMS Announces Relief for Clinicians, Providers, Hospitals and Facilities Participating in Quality Reporting Programs in Response to COVID-19

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Today, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) announced unprecedented relief for the clinicians, providers, and facilities participating in Medicare quality reporting programs including the 1.2 million clinicians in the Quality Payment Program and on the front lines of America's fight against the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19).

Specifically, CMS announced it is granting exceptions from reporting requirements and extensions for clinicians and providers participating in Medicare quality reporting programs with respect to upcoming measure reporting and data submission for those programs. The action comes as part of the Trump Administration's response to 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19).

# The Pandemic and Hospital Acquired Infections



	2020 Q1	2020 Q2	2020 Q3	2020 Q4
CLABSI	↓ -11.8%	↑ 27.9%	↑ 46.4%	↑ 47.0%
CAUTI	↓ -21.3%	No Change <sup>1</sup>	↑ 12.7%	↑ 18.8%
VAE	↑ 11.3%	↑ 33.7%	↑ 29.0%	↑ 44.8%
SSI: Colon surgery	↓ -9.1%	No Change <sup>1</sup>	↓ -6.9%	↓ -8.3%
SSI: Abdominal hysterectomy	↓ -16.0%	No Change <sup>1</sup>	No Change <sup>1</sup>	↓ -13.1%
Laboratory-identified MRSA bacteremia	↓ -7.2%	↑ 12.2%	↑ 22.5%	↑ 33.8%
Laboratory-identified CDI	↓ -17.5%	↓ -10.3%	↓ -8.8%	↓ -5.5%

*Infection Control & Hospital Epidemiology* (2022), 43, 12–25  
doi:10.1017/ice.2021.362



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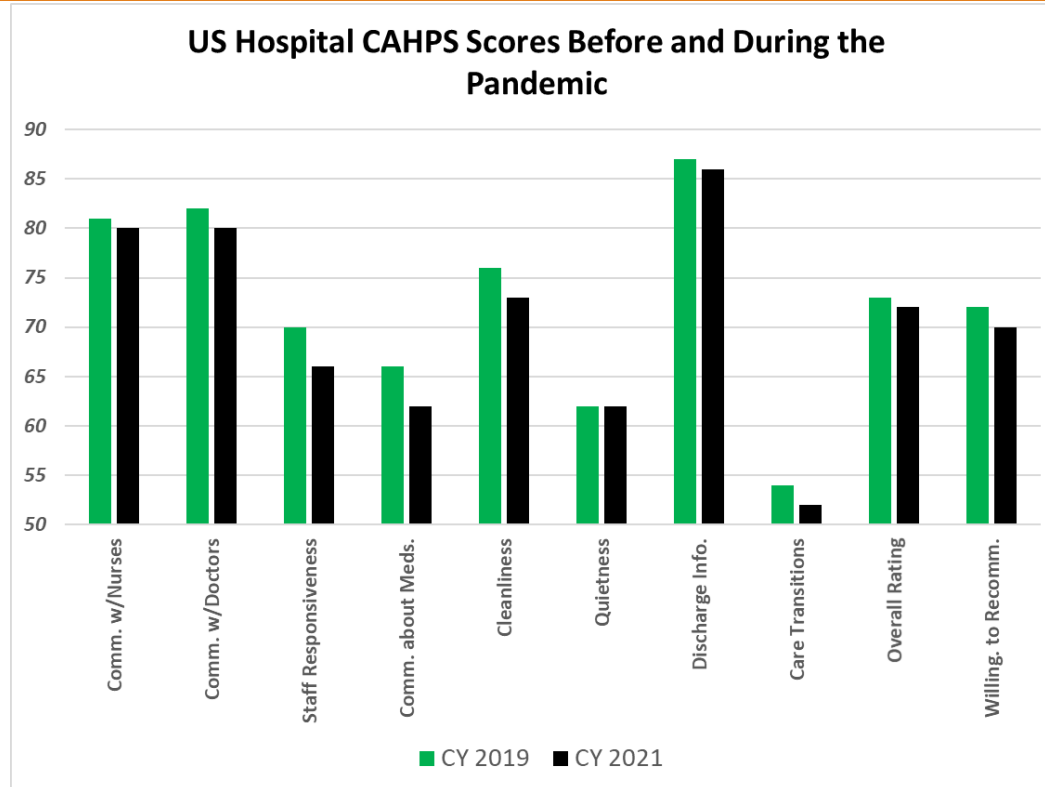
The impact of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) on healthcare-associated infections in 2020: A summary of data reported to the National Healthcare Safety Network

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# Patient Experience Before and During the Pandemic



Source: <https://hcahponline.org/en/summary-analyses/previous-summary-analyses-documents/>, and Bhalla R. Accessed February 17, 2023.

# COVID-19 and Health Care Workers

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## ‘No One Is Listening to Us’

More people than ever are hospitalized with COVID-19. Health-care workers can't go on like this.

By Ed Yong



Romelia Navarro is comforted by Michele Younkin, a nurse, while sitting at the bedside of her dying husband. (Jae C. Hong / AP)

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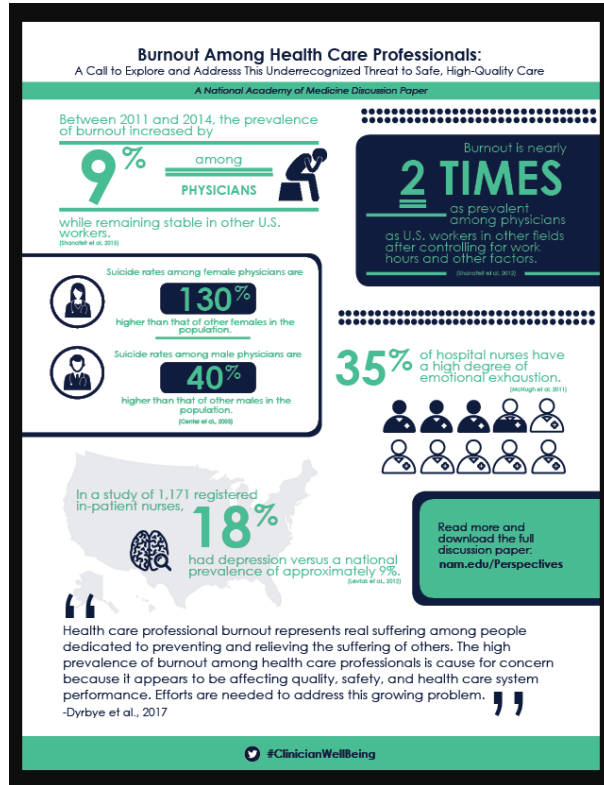
### Rising up: C-suite relies on chief quality officers through pandemic

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# The Health Care Work Force



## “Why Should We Be Concerned About Burnout Among Health Care Professionals?”

### Quality and Safety

There are cross-sectional studies of physicians that suggest a significant effect on quality and risk of medical malpractice suits...The relationship between burnout and medical error is likely bidirectional...studies have found that as mean emotional exhaustion levels of physicians and nurses working in intensive care units rose, so did standardized patient mortality ratios...”

Source: Dyrbye, L. N., T. D. Shanafelt, C. A. Sinsky, P. F. Cipriano, J. Bhatt, A. Ommaya, C. P. West, and D. Meyers. 2017. Burnout among health care professionals: A call to explore and address this underrecognized threat to safe, high-quality care. *NAM Perspectives*. Discussion Paper, National Academy of Medicine, Washington, DC. <https://doi.org/10.31478/201707b>

# The “Great Resignation”



Human Resource Management

## Who Is Driving the Great Resignation?

by Ian Cook

September 15, 2021



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**“In general, we found that resignation rates were higher among employees who worked in fields that had experienced extreme increases in demand due to the pandemic, likely leading to increased workloads and burnout.”**



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## REFLECTION

### From Triple to Quadruple Aim: Care of the Patient Requires Care of the Provider

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**“...Burnout is associated with lower patient satisfaction, reduced health outcomes, and it may increase costs. Burnout thus imperils the Triple Aim. This article recommends that the Triple Aim be expanded to a Quadruple Aim, adding the goal of improving the work life of health care providers, including clinicians and staff.”**

*Ann Fam Med* 2014;12:573-576. doi: 10.1370/afm.1713.

# Revisiting the Harvard Medical Practice Study



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## The Safety of Inpatient Health Care

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and Elizabeth Mort, M.D., M.P.H.

**“Adverse events were identified in nearly one in four admissions, and approximately one fourth of the events were preventable..”**

# Health Care Disruptors



## Why 2022 Will Be a Year of Disruptor Differentiation

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**“If 2021 will be remembered as the great expansion of retail health care, 2022 is likely to be defined as the year of disruptor differentiation. The massive push by CVS Health, Walgreens, Amazon and Walmart to scale primary care services — in person, virtually and in some cases at home — rapidly took shape last year.”**



# ON THE QUALITY HORIZON?



Xavier Becerra, JD  
HHS Secretary (as of 3.18.21)



Chiquita Brooks-LaSure  
CMS Administrator (as of 5.25.21)

## Quality Measures

- Non-hospital
- Physician-specific
- Allowance for socioeconomic variables
- Integration of health equity

## Value Based Payment

- Evolving in non-hospital settings
- Limits of financial downside
- How to pay for equity?

## Macro Forces

- Workforce shortage and resilience
- EHRs and interoperability
- Vertical integration and “Disruptors”

# US Health Care Landscape and Quality



## Settled

- Quality is important to all stakeholders
- Quality is firmly intertwined with costs / value
- Inpatient quality measures are stagnant
- ACA quality programs have been effective
  - Clinically
  - Financially
  - Politically “unifying”

## Unsettled

- Relevance of quality data to consumer choice
- Can data outweigh cost and accessibility?
- The future of delivery system change programs
- Workforce support, as a mediator of quality
- Impact of vertical integration on delivery system change

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