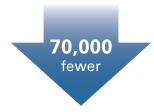
Aligning Efforts to Improve Quality

Hospitals and health systems have made great strides to improve quality of care. Public policies need to be revised to promote – not impede – continuous improvement.

Significant Strides Have Been Made in Patient Care



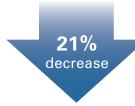
Unplanned Readmissions (2011-2015)



Occurrence of Earlyelective Deliveries (2012-2016)



Central Line-associated **Blood Stream Infections** (2009-2014)



Hospital-acquired Conditions (2010-2015)

Barriers to Improving Care: Conflicting and Uncoordinated **Federal Policies**







Conditions of Participation (CoPs) / Standards



Quality Efforts Are Interconnected

Currently, policies impacting quality measurement, QI and Medicare CoPs/standards are viewed separately though, in practice, they are interrelated.



In 2019, hospitals will be required to report more than 80 measures to CMS.

An average-sized hospital spends approximately \$3.8 million annually on administrative aspects of quality reporting and complying with CoPs.



What's Needed: A Cohesive Framework

To sustain and accelerate progress, policymakers must think strategically about quality policies.



Implement "measures that matter" the most to improving care.



Adopt modern, meaningful and effective standards.



Align measures and standards from all federal quality programs to support improvement.

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