



Frequently Asked Questions

As the Quality Innovation Network-Quality Improvement Organization (QIN-QIO) for North Dakota and South Dakota, we aspire to make healthcare in our region the best in the nation

Q. What services are provided by Great Plains Quality Innovation Network?

Through the Great Plains Quality Care Coalition, our team will provide targeted assistance to nursing homes, communities, small and rural practices and those in need of customized quality improvement. We will focus on results, protecting taxpayer dollars, and most importantly, ensuring the safety and quality of care delivered to Medicare beneficiaries in our states.

We will be working within targeted communities throughout the Dakotas and technical assistance will be tailored to meet the needs of those designated communities. However, all interested providers and community partners are encouraged to join to access educational offerings, resources and tools.

Q. What are the priority topics addressed?

[National priority aims listed below; each community/organization can tailor their efforts based on need]

- ⚙ Reducing opioid-related harms
- ⚙ Improving behavioral health services
- ⚙ Preventing health care-related infections
- ⚙ Preventing and managing diabetes, heart disease and chronic kidney disease
- ⚙ Reducing hospital readmissions and unnecessary emergency room visits
- ⚙ Improving the quality of long-term and post-acute care facilities
- ⚙ Improving patient safety

Q. Benefits of participation?

Partner with an experienced team of quality improvement experts who will help connect you with community leaders and partners to share ideas and best practices. Tools, resources and education will be offered as well as assistance in utilizing data to drive improvement. As a result, care in your community and organization will be even better!

Q. Are There costs to participate?

All services provided **FREE** of cost; funded by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

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Q. What is my organization's time commitment?

Our intent is to meet organizations and community efforts where you are at in your quality improvement journey. The Great Plains team will host monthly learning Webinars and coaching calls. Technical assistance will be tailored to support your organization and your goals for success. Through this effort, we intend to reduce duplication of effort and provider burden.

Q. How will shared data be used?

Any data submitted to Great Plains QIN will contain numbers only. We will not request PHI-level data nor data that is patient identifiable. Any data shared will be in aggregate form and not attached to an organization, person, department, etc. or used in a punitive manner. Data will be used for learning, improving and understanding how we can do better.

Q. How do I join?

We are looking for committed nursing homes, hospitals, community leaders, health systems and anyone interested in improving care in your community to join the Great Plains Quality Care Coalition. You can enroll as a healthcare system, individual or organization. Visit our Web site to learn more and get signed up.

[Access the Great Plains Quality Care Coalition Participants](#)



Don't miss out on this **FREE** opportunity to be a change maker in **YOUR** organization and community.

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