

# Plan Your Reporting Project: Your Partners

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## Key Points

- A quality reporting project is often more effective when multiple organizations come together to make decisions, tackle logistics, and combine resources.
- Sponsors may benefit from the expanded audience, decreased financial burden, and greater perceived credibility that come with collaboration.
- Audiences may benefit from greater consistency in information and messages about plans or providers in their area.
- Collaboration also helps to ensure that health plans and providers are not overly burdened for information.
- Collaboration can also be time-consuming and require difficult compromises.
- When seeking partners, it is important to consider compatibility. You and your co-sponsors should have similar interests, reasons, and commitment to creating performance reports.

To learn more, go to [Who Are Potential Partners?](#)

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## Questions and Tasks

- What are the advantages to you and your audience if you work with partner(s) on this reporting project?  
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- What are the disadvantages of involving partner(s) in your reporting project?  
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- List all the organizations that could make good partners for this project.  
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  - Include organizations that you have worked with before as well as others in your community that have an interest in quality reporting.  
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  - Keep an eye out for organizations that may not appear to be potential partners at first glance but share your interests and concerns.  
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- Consider the following factors to judge your compatibility with each potential partner shortlisted to work with you on this project:
  - Do you have similar reasons and interests for wanting to measure quality?  
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  - Do you share the same level of commitment for measuring health care quality and informing consumers?  
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- Will it be possible to keep the number of decisionmakers involved down to a manageable number?  
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- What is your past history with this organization.  
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Do you have enough information to make a decision on whether you want to collaborate with other organizations for this project? If not, what would you need to know?  
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Assign responsibility for contacting these organizations. Keep track of their responses since you may want to contact them again after the project is up and running.  
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- Learn more about how you can [Plan Your Reporting Project](#).
- List [all topics in the Checklist](#).