

# AGENCY-SPECIFIC PLAN FOR THE NATIONAL QUALITY STRATEGY

## Food and Drug Administration (FDA)

Program	Description	NQS Priorities*						Current-Year Activities	Metrics	Future-Year Plans**	Vision/End Goals
		1	2	3	4	5	6				
Safe Use Initiative	The Safe Use Initiative reduces preventable harm by identifying specific, preventable medication risks; and developing, implementing, and evaluating cross-sector interventions with Federal and local partners. Preventable drug harm will be reduced through increased communication, engagement, and action across all sectors of public health and health care.	★	✓					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Collaborate with Federal partners, including AHRQ and CDC, to develop population-based national estimates of preventable harm from medications.</li> <li>Develop a list of candidate cases for preventable harm (e.g., drugs, drug classes, and/or therapeutic situations) for collaborative analysis and intervention through meetings and extensive consultation with public and private stakeholders.</li> <li>Implement a small number of interventions through FDA regulatory actions with an explicit plan for measuring impact.</li> </ul>	Preventable harm from adverse drug events is estimated on a national level and used to evaluate which interventions to undertake. Each intervention should have specific plans to measure their impact.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expand intervention initiative to prevent drug harm through public and private collaborations within the health care community (P1, Goal 3).</li> <li>Incorporate public feedback into development of the candidate list and intervention strategy (P3, Goal 3).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reduce the likelihood of preventable harm from medication use through collaborative efforts with external stakeholders.</li> </ul>

\* ✓ = Priorities to which the program aligns

★ = Primary priority

\*\* Please see Appendix A on the last page, which includes a table of the six NQS Priorities and Long-Term Goals.

## Appendix A. National Quality Strategy Priorities and Long-Term Goals

#	Priority	Long-Term Goals (Recommended by the National Priorities Partnership)
1	Making care safer by reducing harm caused in the delivery of care.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Reduce preventable hospital admissions and readmissions.</li> <li>2. Reduce the incidence of adverse health care-associated conditions.</li> <li>3. Reduce harm from inappropriate or unnecessary care.</li> </ol>
2	Ensuring that each person and family are engaged as partners in their care.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Improve patient, family, and caregiver experience of care related to quality, safety, and access across settings.</li> <li>2. In partnership with patients, families, and caregivers—and using a shared decisionmaking process—develop culturally sensitive and understandable care plans.</li> <li>3. Enable patients and their families and caregivers to navigate, coordinate, and manage their care appropriately and effectively.</li> </ol>
3	Promoting effective communication and coordination of care.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Improve the quality of care transitions and communications across care settings.</li> <li>2. Improve the quality of life for patients with chronic illness and disability by following a current care plan that anticipates and addresses pain and symptom management, psychosocial needs, and functional status.</li> <li>3. Establish shared accountability and integration of communities and health care systems to improve quality of care and reduce health disparities.</li> </ol>
4	Promoting the most effective prevention and treatment practices for the leading causes of mortality, starting with cardiovascular disease.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Promote cardiovascular health through community interventions that result in improvement of social, economic, and environmental factors.</li> <li>2. Promote cardiovascular health through interventions that result in adoption of the most important healthy lifestyle behaviors across the lifespan.</li> <li>3. Promote cardiovascular health through receipt of effective clinical preventive services across the lifespan in clinical and community settings.</li> </ol>
5	Working with communities to promote wide use of best practices to enable healthy living.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Promote healthy living and well-being through community interventions that result in improvement of social, economic, and environmental factors.</li> <li>2. Promote healthy living and well-being through interventions that result in adoption of the most important healthy lifestyle behaviors across the lifespan.</li> <li>3. Promote healthy living and well-being through receipt of effective clinical preventive services across the lifespan in clinical and community settings.</li> </ol>
6	Making quality care more affordable for individuals, families, employers, and governments by developing and spreading new health care delivery models.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ensure affordable and accessible high-quality health care for people, families, employers, and governments.</li> <li>2. Support and enable communities to ensure accessible, high-quality care while reducing waste and fraud.</li> </ol>