Advancing the National Quality Strategy:
An Introduction to the Stakeholder Toolkit

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Agenda

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  Ann Gordon, Facilitator

• **Overview of the National Quality Strategy**
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• **Questions and Answers**
  Ann Gordon
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- Type your question in the text box.
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- Mike - 9:12 AM
  Q: What time does the presentation start?
- Michael Ward - 9:13 AM
  A: The presentation starts at 9:30.
Overview of the National Quality Strategy

Nancy J. Wilson, BSN, MD, MPH
Background on the National Quality Strategy

- The National Quality Strategy (NQS) is a centerpiece of the Affordable Care Act and was created to improve the delivery of health care services, patient health outcomes, and population health.

- The Strategy is for the nation and serves as a catalyst and compass for nationwide focus.

- The Strategy has been iteratively designed by public and private stakeholders and provides an opportunity to align quality improvement actions and monitoring of impact.
National Quality Strategy Three-Part Aim

Better Care

Healthy People/
Healthy Communities

Affordable Care
The Triple Aim and the Three Aims

- **Improving the patient experience of care** (including quality and satisfaction)
- **Improving the health of populations**
- **Reducing the per capita cost of health care**

- **Better Care**: Improve the overall quality, by making health care more patient-centered, reliable, accessible, and safe.

- **Healthy People/Healthy Communities**: Improve the health of the U.S. population by supporting proven interventions to address behavioral, social and, environmental determinants of health.

- **Affordable Care**: Reduce the cost of quality health care for individuals, families, employers, and government.
National Quality Strategy Aims and Priorities

Better Care

PRIORITIES
- Patient Safety
- Person- and Family-Centered Care
- Effective Communication and Care Coordination
- Prevention and Treatment of Leading Causes of Mortality
- Health and Well-Being
- Affordable Care

Healthy People/Healthy Communities

Affordable Care
Patient Safety Priority

Making care safer by reducing harm caused in the delivery of care
Patient Safety Priority’s Long-Term Goals

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Long-Term Goals

1. Reduce preventable hospital admissions and readmissions.
2. Reduce the incidence of adverse health care–associated conditions.
3. Reduce harm from inappropriate or unnecessary care.
Patient Safety Priority’s Key Starter Measures

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<td>Hospital-acquired Conditions</td>
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<td>145 per 1000 admissions*</td>
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<td>Hospital Readmissions</td>
<td>All-payer 30-day readmission rate</td>
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*Source: AHRQ, CDC, and CMS, March 2012

**HACs = Hospital–acquired conditions
What’s in the future for the National Quality Strategy?

2013 Annual Progress Report, which will provide:

• update on collaboration between public and private payers to align measures and reduce reporting burdens on providers;

• updates on national tracking measures for each of the six priority areas;

• examples of private sector successes in quality improvement; and

• an update on progress within each of three cross-cutting strategic opportunities for improvement.
Tools and Resources: Priorities in Action

The Working for Quality site features *Priorities in Action* that display some of our nation’s most promising and transformative quality improvement programs, and describe their alignment to the strategy’s six priorities.

A monthly feature of a program, activity or initiative that aligns to one or more of the six NQS priorities
Tools and Resources: Stakeholder Toolkit

- Whether you are just learning about the Strategy or are a veteran partner, you can support NQS implementation by helping us spread the word.

- The **Stakeholder Toolkit** provides downloadable materials to increase awareness about the Strategy and communicate its impact on health and health care quality improvement.
Contents of the Stakeholder Toolkit

- **Two Fact Sheets** provide an overview of the National Quality Strategy.

- **Two blog entries** provide a broad introduction to the Strategy’s aims and priorities and detail five important facts about the Strategy.

- Several choices of shortened **social media announcements** can be used in a stakeholder’s Twitter or in Facebook feeds.
Tools and Resources: Briefing Slides

• **Briefing Slides** present a comprehensive overview of the NQS that provides a substantive introduction to anyone unfamiliar with the Strategy.

• The **Briefing Slides** are available for download and use in presentations, or as a stand-alone briefing.
How to Find These Tools and Resources:

Visit the Working for Quality Web site (http://www.ahrq.gov/workingforquality) to find:

- Stakeholder Toolkit and Briefing Slides http://www.ahrq.gov/workingforquality/toolkit.htm


- Priorities in Action http://www.ahrq.gov/workingforquality/priorities.htm

Contact me with questions or suggestions at: nancy.wilson@ahrq.hhs.gov
Questions and Answers

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Question and Answer Session

Please submit your questions via the question and answer panel.
Final Comments

• Webinar slides and transcript will be posted to the Working for Quality Website: http://www.arhq.gov/workingforquality.

• Stay tuned for the 2013 Annual Progress Report Webinar.