



The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is working through a wide spectrum of programs and cross-cutting initiatives to support the priorities of the National Quality Strategy. Work on the National Diabetes Prevention Program and Million Hearts™, highlighted here, are both high-impact activities that touch several of the priorities of the National Quality Strategy. In addition, the Office of the Associate Director for Policy recently established the Office of Health System Collaboration, which partners closely with both public- and private-sector health care entities to strategically position public health in the move toward achievement of the Triple Aim™ through action on the six priorities of the National Quality Strategy. The Office of Health System Collaboration has convened a cross-cutting working group (the Health System Collaboration Committee) that brings together senior leaders from across the Agency to reinforce and collaborate on projects that advance the priorities of the National Quality Strategy. In addition, the Office of Health System Collaboration, in concert with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention programs and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid senior leadership, has initiated a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention/Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Joint Quality Improvement Initiative to identify and undertake quality improvement initiatives of mutual interest, with a focus on achieving the goals of the Triple Aim.

In addition to these collaborative programs, other ongoing Centers for Disease Control and Prevention patient safety efforts include the Division of Healthcare Quality Promotion's National Healthcare Safety Network, a healthcare-associated infection tracking system, and its collaboration with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid, which has been especially fruitful and continues to expand. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion has been deeply involved in partnering with the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Innovation on the State Innovation Models Initiative by providing technical assistance to grantees in preparing their population health improvement plans, including metrics for assessing population health status and evaluating progress using the National Quality Strategy Key Tracking Measures where possible.

The Office of State, Tribal, Local, and Territorial Support has also been closely aligned with the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Innovation on State Innovation Model efforts to effectively and efficiently link public health and the health care delivery system to collaboratively promote progress on health and health care, particularly on National Quality Strategy Priority #5 (Working with communities to promote the use of best practices and enable healthy living). The Office of State, Tribal, Local, and Territorial Support's work has included partnerships with the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology to integrate public health information technology capacity with community-level and health care information technology activities to support seamless and timely data flow across partners and to identify community health needs, service delivery gaps, and guide joint efforts to address these.

The Office of Public Health Scientific Services—which coordinates Agency-wide work on health

informatics and surveillance and oversees many of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's population-based surveys (e.g., National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey, National Health Interview Survey, and provider-based surveys such as the National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey)—is working to align both the Office of Public Health Scientific Services and cross-Agency activities with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services and private-sector quality improvement work, particularly around metrics, health information technology, and population health benchmarking.

In the coming year, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention expects to leverage initiatives such as the new Office of Health System Collaboration to reach across its programs and activities in support of enhanced collaboration with both public and private health systems, maintaining a greater focus on integrated, cross-cutting efforts to address improved population health. In addition, the Health System Collaboration Committee is encouraging alignment of programmatic measurement functions with the Department of Health and Human Services' Core Metrics.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention worked toward the following quality-related programmatic and measurement activities for fiscal year 2013.

#### **Million Hearts**

- Required Centers for Disease Control and Prevention-funded (Funding Opportunity Announcement 1305) State programs to report National Quality Forum Measure 0018 as a performance measure
- Collaborated with the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials on Million Hearts' initiatives in nine States and the District Columbia on alignment of hypertension control efforts with National Quality Forum Measure 0018

#### **Diabetes Prevention Program**

- Worked with national grantees, State health departments, and other partners to assure quality, reach, and sustainability of the National Diabetes Prevention Program lifestyle change intervention in States
- Worked with partner organizations/grantees to obtain coverage for the National Diabetes Prevention Program lifestyle change intervention to increase awareness of prediabetes among the general public

#### **Patient Safety (2013)**

- Reported via National Healthcare Safety Network initiative any Methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA) bacteremia events, *C. difficile* events, and health care personnel influenza vaccinations as part of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Hospital Inpatient Quality Reporting Program

#### **Other**

- Established the Office of Health System Collaboration to foster and support Agency-level collaboration with health care delivery entities, and further the priorities of the National Quality Strategy

- Supported enhanced Centers for Disease Control and Prevention representation at National Quality Strategy-oriented quality improvement initiatives (National Quality Forum, National Committee for Quality Assurance, Joint Commission: Accreditation, Health Care, Certification) to align public health and health care delivery around shared strategic goals
- Developed technical assistance for States and providers working to meet the Affordable Care Act-mandated Internal Revenue Service requirements for 501(c)(3) hospitals
- Initiated a collaboration with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (including Center for Clinical Standards and Quality, Center for Medicare & Medicaid Innovation, and Center for Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program Services) to support enhanced quality improvement efforts targeting high-impact preventive services and conditions
- Cross-Centers for Disease Control and Prevention collaborative with Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (supported by Interagency Agreement) to provide technical support to Center for Medicare & Medicaid Innovation State Innovation Models testing States and their work on population health improvement and health care transformation

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has several quality-related programmatic and measurement activities for fiscal year 2014.

#### **Million Hearts**

- Support and monitor State reporting by Centers for Disease Control and Prevention-funded programs on National Quality Forum Measure 0018 as a performance measure
- Create dashboard on the Million Hearts Web site to track national uptake of National Quality Forum Measure 0018 across quality reporting programs as evidence of alignment around core metrics
- Continue existing efforts, including collaboration with Association of State and Territorial Health Officials' State-level Million Hearts initiative

#### **Diabetes Prevention Program**

- Support and monitor performance of organizations delivering the National Diabetes Prevention Program lifestyle change intervention that have the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recognition
- Continue existing efforts, including increasing coverage for the National Diabetes Prevention Program lifestyle change intervention

#### **Patient Safety (2014)**

- Report via National Healthcare Safety Network health care personnel influenza vaccination as part of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid's Hospital Outpatient Quality Reporting Program, Long-Term Care Hospital Quality Reporting Program, Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Quality Reporting Program, and Ambulatory Surgery Centers Quality Reporting Program

**Office of Health System Collaboration**

- Convene high-level Centers for Disease Control and Prevention/Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Steering Committee to oversee and advise Centers for Disease Control and Prevention/Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Joint Quality Improvement Initiative to seek ways to work toward improved population health by aligning and strengthening joint community and clinical interventions targeting improvement in high-priority conditions