

QIN-QIO Participation Agreement

Cardiovascular Health, Everyone with Diabetes Counts, Meaningful Use,
Value-Based Payments, Improving Immunization Rates and Behavioral Health Care

Provider/Health Care Entity: _____ and the TMF Quality Innovation Network Quality Improvement Organization (QIN-QIO), the Medicare QIN-QIO for Arkansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, Puerto Rico and Texas, agree to collaborate on the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) QIN-QIO project. The TMF QIN-QIO is led by TMF Health Quality Institute in Texas and Oklahoma, in partnership with the Arkansas Foundation for Medical Care, Primaris in Missouri and the Quality Improvement Professional Research Organization, Inc. in Puerto Rico. Under its contract with CMS, the TMF QIN-QIO is charged with convening medical experts, community partners and stakeholders, and physician practices and health care entities in a learning and action network to address cardiac health, diabetes, meaningful use of electronic health record systems, Value-Based Payments and Physician Quality Reporting System measures, Medicare beneficiary immunization rates and behavioral health screening. Participation in these projects can assist organizations in gaining efficiencies, reducing costs and improving quality.

Participating Organization Commitment

As part of this agreement, I commit my organization’s participation in this initiative and will work to achieve a designated level of improvement. The organization agrees to the following:

- Designate an organization leader committed to participate in one or more of these initiatives and educational programs; share and implement best practices for sustainable improvement; and facilitate patient engagement in managing chronic disease.
- Implement improvement to enhance the care management of patients as evidenced by improvement of clinical measures
- Provide quarterly reports of numerators and denominators for one or more selected measures related to cardiac health, diabetes, meaningful use, value-based payments, immunization or behavioral health care. These measures will be determined in coordination with the organization leader and TMF QIN-QIO representative.
- Implement process improvement plans, principles and tools to enhance the care and safety of patients.

Through our active participation, the TMF QIN-QIO agrees to provide consultative assistance to include:

- Evaluating data, workflow or practice patterns to improve health outcomes and patient safety
- Recommending best practices and intervention tools to improve workflow, clinical care, patient engagement, patient satisfaction and patient self-management
- Technical assistance on how to understand the interrelationships and linkages of quality reporting programs to earn incentive or avoid payment adjustments
- Guidance on the TMF QIN-QIO’s process for physicians to receive up to 20 FREE performance improvement continuing medical education hours for working virtually on their select measures.

Confidentiality Statement

Under federal regulations, a health care quality improvement project is considered a quality review study as defined in 42 CFR Section 480.101(b) as being “an assessment, conducted by or for (the QIN-QIO), of a patient care problem for the purpose of improving patient care through peer analysis, intervention, resolution of the problem and follow-up.” Further, federal regulations at 42 CFR Section 480.140 protect the identities of individual patients, practitioners and institutions that participate in such studies, and prohibit, with few exceptions, (the QIN-QIO) from disclosing any specific information about its work on quality review studies. (The QIN-QIO) cannot disclose information or data about participants in a quality review study to any party unless the information identifies only physicians, other practitioners or organizations, and those parties must consent to the release of information.



Requested Services

Please check the box for the program and related consultative services requested:

- Cardiac Health
- Care Transitions/Medication Safety (Community Coalition Charter Agreement must also be signed if in a recruited community.)
- Everyone with Diabetes Counts (Participation pending review and approval.)
- Meaningful Use
- Value-Based Payments
- Improving Immunization Rates
- Behavioral Health Care

Required Signatures

By affixing my signature, I agree to the above terms, which will remain in effect until July 31, 2019.

Authorized Representative: _____

Name of Organization: _____

NPI # (Lead Physician): _____ TIN: _____ CCN: _____

Title: _____

Email Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

QIN-QIO Representative: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Once complete, please email this form back to your TMF QIN-QIO quality improvement consultant or fax it to 512-334-1775, Attention: Participation Agreement



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