KFMC is continuing its goal to improve health outcomes and healthcare delivery for Kansas Medicare consumers as a member of the Great Plains Quality Innovation Network (QIN). Kansas joined Nebraska, North Dakota and South Dakota to form this not-for-profit. The Great Plains QIN works with healthcare providers and organizations to develop ways of strengthening quality improvement initiatives and improving the use of health information technology to improve the healthcare of Medicare consumers and other healthcare consumers.

These four states chose to work together because of commonalities in Medicare consumers, provider characteristics, rural and frontier issues, similar corporate philosophies and approaches to quality improvement work.

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The Kansas Foundation for Medical Care (KFMC) quality initiatives focus on the Triple Aim: Better Health, Better Care and Lower Costs. Look inside to learn more about how you, your health consumers and community can benefit from our projects.

Better Health
Providing tools and resources that improve the health of populations.

Better Care
Using evidence-based initiatives to improve health outcomes for consumers.

Lower Costs
Utilizing healthcare technology effectively to provide efficient and effective care.

KFMC is continuing its goal to improve health outcomes and healthcare delivery for Kansas Medicare consumers as a member of the Great Plains Quality Innovation Network (QIN). The Great Plains QIN is composed of former standalone Quality Improvement Organizations in four states; Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota and South Dakota. Our common goal of improving health for Medicare consumers and combined resources will enable partners to access new expertise and perspectives to improve health outcomes and care delivery.

Guided by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), KFMC will continue to work directly with healthcare providers, including hospitals, nursing homes, home health agencies and physicians. KFMC will also expand its focus of working with targeted communities utilizing a community organizing approach to bring quality improvement techniques to broad coalitions focused on specific care delivery and outcomes within the Medicare population.
**Better Health**

**Long Term Care**

**Reducing Healthcare-Acquired Conditions in Nursing Homes**

KFMC works with 75 percent of nursing homes to improve the mobility of long-stay residents, decrease the unnecessary use of antipsychotic medications, decrease healthcare-associated infections and other healthcare acquired conditions, and overall achieve a score of six or better improvement in Quality Care delivery as measured by the Nursing Home Quality Composite Score. KFMC will select peer coaches (including one consumer/family member) from high performing nursing homes to provide best-practice support to other nursing homes.

**Physician Office**

**Improving Colorectal Cancer Screening Rates**

KFMC works with primary care clinics to implement interventions that improve colorectal cancer screening rates, and follow up for all patients. This work aligns with the National Cancer Roundtable “80% by 2018” Campaign.

**Quality Payment Programs (QPP)**

KFMC assists eligible clinicians with the transition to the merit-based incentive payment system (MIPS) and subsequent transition into Alternative Payment Models (APMs).

**Everyone with Diabetes Counts (EDC)**

KFMC assists physician practices in improving clinical outcomes of HbA1c, lipids, blood pressure and weight control. KFMC will work to increase Medicare consumers participating in Diabetes Education Classes and increase the number of diabetes educators and community health workers in Kansas.

**Cardiac Health**

KFMC offers support in cardiovascular health improvement by using best practices and the The Million Hearts Initiative™ goals to improve outcomes. KFMC will assist in reporting cardiovascular quality measures to PQRS.

**Transforming Clinical Practice Initiative**

KFMC collaborates with clinicians and Practice Transformation Networks (PTNs) to achieve large-scale health transformation through the Transforming Clinical Practice Initiative (TCPi). The goals of this initiative focus on payment and practice reform in primary/specialty care, care coordination between providers, establishing community-based health teams to support chronic care management, and promoting improved quality and reduced costs through collaborative peer-based learning networks.

**Home Health**

**Cardiac Health**

KFMC assists home health agencies with quality measures reporting through the Home Health Cardiovascular Data Registry to improve cardiovascular health in support of The Million Hearts Initiative™.

**Infection Prevention and Management**

KFMC facilitates a collaborative to develop and test home health specific tools and resources to reduce home health acquired infections.

**Value Based Purchasing**

KFMC educates eligible hospitals on the linkage between the Hospital Value Based Purchasing (VBP) program, Hospital Inpatient Quality Reporting (IQR) and Outpatient Quality Reporting (OQR) programs, and other programs.

**HIT**

KFMC supports system changes and optimization of CEHRT to help providers be well-positioned for future incentive programs.

**Communities of Care**

**Promoting Effective Communication and Coordination of Care**

KFMC works directly with targeted communities to reduce hospital admissions, hospital readmissions, and adverse drug events, and increase community tenure within the Medicare population. Establishing a community coalition focused on improving health presents an opportunity to bring together a wide range of stakeholders to advance health engagement on clinical topics that, while focused on the Medicare population, can serve as a foundation to address larger community health issues.

**Pain Management & Appropriate Utilization of Opioids**

KFMC works in selected communities to target education, disseminate Self-Management interventions and facilitate targeted improvement efforts to demonstrate that appropriate pain management (including pharmacological and non-pharmacological interventions), coupled with appropriate prescibing guidelines can change the trajectory of opioid prescribing practices.

**Antibiotic Stewardship**

KFMC works in outpatient clinical settings to combat antibiotic resistance through the development of antibiotic stewardship programs in communities.

**Medication Safety and Adverse Drug Events (ADE) Prevention**

KFMC works with healthcare providers to improve medication safety and aims to lower and prevent ADE’s by implementing evidence based and proven best practices and tools that align with the National Quality Strategy or the Health and Human Services Action Plan for drug event prevention and other national, state or local initiatives.

**Cross Setting**

**Improving Immunization Rates**

KFMC collaborates with physician offices, pharmacies, public health departments, hospitals and home health agencies to adopt proven best practice approaches to improve immunization rates among adults in Kansas.