

PRO QI Intervention Strategies Collaborative

7:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
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Over the past year, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and the PRO community have had considerable discussions regarding ways to learn about the impact of QI intervention strategies PROs have employed in 6th SOW. CMS has contracted with PRO-West to facilitate this Collaborative, modeled after the Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI) Breakthrough Series (BTS) model, in which participating PROs will use process improvement to develop an approach to such learning.

Note: This Collaborative is separate from the Collaborative Experience Project: Surgical Infection Prevention Project to which PROs are also invited.

What:

The first of three daylong Learning Sessions, sponsored by CMS, to develop a process improvement framework for QI intervention strategies. Participating PRO teams will work in small groups to develop a plan to test various methods of implementing targeted QI intervention strategies. Then during two subsequent six-month periods, separated by two other Learning Sessions, PRO teams will test the different strategies within in their state or territory to determine what information is useful to capture, measure implementation and impact, and modify process based on learning. At the two subsequent Learning Sessions, PRO teams will share what they have learned with other PRO teams. In addition, sharing will occur through a variety of media including a dedicated listserv, monthly teleconferences, website postings, reports, and site visits.

Why:

It is anticipated that in the 7th SOW PROs will be expected to evaluate and improve their activities and to share what they have learned with each other. This Collaborative will give participating PROs the opportunity to develop an approach to this expectation.

Who should attend:

Three individuals from each PRO state or territory should plan on attending the conference. The three recommended individuals are listed below:

1. A senior leader (e.g., HCQIP Director, Medical Director)
 2. An improvement leader (e.g., data person, analyst, or epidemiologist)
 3. A day-to-day leader (e.g., project manager, project coordinator)
- (**Note:** Meeting space will be limited to three individuals per PRO state or territory.)

CMS staff are encouraged to attend as observers.

What is the cost?

There is no conference fee to attend this session.

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