

What Health Care Stakeholders Say About Working with QIOs...

“The QIO program must become an integral part of strategies for future performance measurement and improvement in the health care system.”

IOM Report on QIOs

“Quality Improvement Organizations are providing valuable tools and education on important issues like the adoption of health information technology. They are **making a difference for thousands of physicians and—more importantly—their patients.**”

Newt Gingrich, former Speaker of the House and founder, Center for Health Transformation

“QIOs are a central player in the Administration’s efforts to improve the quality of care provided to Medicare beneficiaries.”

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“Practice transformation is a top priority for the American College of Physicians, and QIOs are **a key trusted resource** for helping physicians through this important process.”*

*Michael S. Barr, MD, MBA, FACP,
Vice President, Practice Advocacy and Improvement, American College of Physicians*

“We fully support the role of QIOs in assisting small- and medium-sized physician offices to adopt, implement, and effectively use health information technology (HIT)...

QIOs provide **a trusted national network** of resources.”

*Reps. Nancy Johnson (R-CT)
Michael Bilirakis (R-FL)
Jim Ramstad (R-MN)
Charles Norwood (R-GA)*

“Thousands of home health agencies have boosted their performance with help from QIOs, and we find the pace of improvement is faster with QIO support. As evidenced by the survey results, home health agencies across the country voice high praise for training programs and the ongoing guidance provided by their QIOs. **Medicare’s investment in the QIO program is a wise one**, and we’re excited to be partnering with them on the important initiative to prevent avoidable hospitalizations. We’re hopeful that the Congress and the Bush administration will continue offering home health agencies support through the QIOs and will take steps to allow hospice organizations to take advantage of QIO assistance as well.”*

*Val J. Halamandaris,
President, National Association of Home Care & Hospice*

“...[W]e are very grateful for the technical assistance and support that Quality Improvement Organizations (QIOs) provide to medical practices around the country. We’ve found the QIOs to be **outstanding resources and valued partners** in a variety of joint efforts to help improve patient care.”*

William F. Jessee, MD, FACMPE,
President and CEO,
Medical Group Management Association

“I consider QIOs to be **one of the great yet untapped resources in health care...** They are the front field force of leading change in practices across the United States.”

David Brailer, MD, PhD,
Former National Coordinator
for Health Information Technology

“Most especially, I must say, the Quality Improvement Organizations – 30 of them are helping to lead the Campaign – places like Delmarva, Qualis, and Colorado Foundation for Medical Care – all encouraged by AHQA, their association, and all have given very generously of their technical expertise from the very start.”

Don Berwick, MD, MPP, *President and*
CEO of the Institute for Healthcare
Improvement, thanking active supporters of the
100,000 Lives Campaign

“It continues to be abundantly clear that the Quality Improvement Organizations are **a principal source of essential assistance** in terms of knowledge, skills and cultural transformation to improve the quality of rural health care.”*

Forrest Calico, *senior advisor for quality,*
National Rural Health Association

The QIOs are **valuable partners** in the long term care profession’s ongoing efforts to improve the quality of care and quality of life for the frail, elderly and disabled in our nation’s nursing homes... the collaborative support and critical assistance provided by QIOs are essential for us to meet our commitment of continuous quality improvement.”*

Bruce Yarwood, *president and CEO*
of the American Health Care Association

“The QIOs are **an excellent quality improvement resource** for Medicare providers and AACCP is pleased that so many providers recognize the value of QIO expert assistance. The proactive collaboration between the QIOs and faculty at our nation’s colleges and schools of pharmacy creates the opportunity for providers and beneficiaries to benefit from medication management improvements at the very start of the prescription drug benefit.”*

Will Lang, *vice president,*
Policy and Advocacy,
American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy

*Comment is related to findings of the “Stakeholder Survey Baseline Study Report,” released May 2006 by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.