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# Reducing Health Care Associated Infections



**85,149**

**fewer days with urinary catheters for Medicare beneficiaries**

- Reducing the number of days in which a catheter is used is a major intervention for reducing Catheter Associated Urinary Tract Infections (CAUTI)
- Worked with 667 participating facilities



**53%**

**relative improvement rate in reduced Central Line Associated Blood Stream Infections (CLABSI)**

- Worked with 148 participating facilities to improve central line insertion practices, maintenance practices and timely removal



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# Improving Transitions of Care



## Nearly \$1 billion

in cost savings from combined QIO Programs

- Over 14,000,000 Medicare beneficiaries live in the communities served by the QIO Program
- The Program collectively saved over 27,000 people from being readmitted to the hospital and over 95,000 from being admitted to the hospital



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# Reducing Potential for Adverse Drug Events



## 44,640

**potential adverse drug events were prevented**

- Worked with 27,650 Medicare beneficiaries
- 195,352 opportunities for adverse drug events



## 20%

**absolute rate of improvement in controlling blood sugar level among participants screened**

- People taking hypoglycemic medication for diabetes are in better control of their blood sugar. Among participants, the initial rate of people with diabetes who were screened with an A1c rate of  $\geq 9$  dropped from 33.6% to 17.2%



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# Initiatives in the Nursing Home Setting

## Preventing or Healing Pressure Ulcers



**3,374**

pressure ulcers  
prevented or healed  
in 787 nursing homes

- 38% decrease in pressure ulcer rates among participating nursing homes

## Minimizing the use of Physical Restraints in Nursing Homes



**6,250**

Medicare beneficiaries in 981  
nursing homes are now restraint free

- 76% decrease in physical restraint rate among participating nursing homes

## Partnering with more Nursing Homes



**5,021** nursing homes recruited to  
participate in the National Nursing  
Home Quality Care Collaborative

- 31% of nation's nursing homes participating in Medicare recruited



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# Improving Health for Populations and Communities



# 1,826

**professionals recruited/assisted with Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS) Electronic Health Record (EHR) 2012 reporting**

*Potentially affecting 4.1 million Medicare beneficiaries  
(based on 2,300 patients per doctor)*

**3,048 practices participating in Cardiac Population Health Learning and Action Networks**

*Potentially affecting 3,364,992 patients  
(based on 32% of U.S. practices with 1-2  
physicians; 2,300 patients per doctor)*