



Join KHA/KHREF and IPRO for the CMS Hospital Quality Improvement Initiative (HQIC)

We recognize the myriad challenges facing the healthcare industry. Challenging times require access to expert mentorship, leveraged technology, and true efficiency. Our team of experienced clinical quality improvement specialists will collaborate with your organization over the next four years, to facilitate healthcare transformation to improve patient safety, public health, healthcare quality and emergency management .through the identification, use, and spread of evidence-based practice.

Our Approach

IPRO has a long standing history of strong connectedness with the hospital community and reputation for providing free technical assistance and support to enhance patient and family engagement, better leverage health information technology, reduce health inequities, address social determinants of health, and identify those areas that best align with your organization's needs and strategic focus. The IPRO team of quality improvement specialists will work with multi-disciplinary hospital-based clinical teams to improve patient safety, public health, healthcare quality and emergency management including

- Decreasing opioid use and improving the quality and safety of pain management
- Improving access to behavioral health services
- Increasing patient safety and reducing preventable adverse drug reactions
- Increasing the quality of care transitions with a focus on high utilizers to improve resource utilization
- Supporting hospitals during public health emergencies, epidemics/pandemics and additional crises

Your team will have access to all of our network resources, including education from recognized experts, access to our extensive resource library which includes the latest evidence-based tools, and the ability to participate in smaller peer-sharing and affinity- based learning groups via our ECHO platform.

Benefits to your organization

- Improve patient experience, care, and outcomes
- Promote patient and family engagement in care
- Enhance safety culture through teamwork and communication
- Align with other important initiatives (e.g. quality reporting and payment programs)
- Connect with other providers (peers and high performers) across 11 states and the District of Columbia
- Access to a network of nationally recognized subject matter experts.

Organizational requirements

- Senior leadership support of HQIC goals
- Identify an internal cross-functional team
- Ensure organizational adherence to requirements and deliverables
- Sign Participation Agreement
- Maintain ongoing dialogue with IPRO team
- Implement evidence-based and best-practice interventions
- Participate in HQIC hosted educational sessions

We're here to help you improve your care and delivery systems, enhance outcomes, and support your organization goals. Complete the following Participation Agreement to participate with KHA/KHREF and IPRO in the CMS Hospital Quality Improvement Initiative.

Participation Agreement

Our organization agrees to work with the Kentucky Hospital Association/KHREF and IPRO Hospital Quality Improvement Contractor (HQIC) as part of the four-year Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Hospital Quality Improvement Initiative, from September 2020 through September 2024.

By signing this Participation Agreement, I assert that I have read and understand the expectations outlined in the accompanying overview document and have the authority to represent the organization delineated below. Thus, the facility agrees to partner with the KHA/KHREF and IPRO HQIC and meet the following expectations:

- Commit to the HQIC goals and ongoing collaboration and dialogue with KHA/KHREF and IPRO HQIC
- Implement organizational quality improvement evidence-based practices
- Submit and share data, as requested, to IPRO HQIC via KHA/KHREF for analysis, reporting and evaluating QI implementation to support collaborative efforts.
 - We understand that data or information related to IPRO HQIC’s quality improvement project that may implicitly or explicitly identify another participant will be not be disclosed.
 - We authorize IPRO HQIC to share all provider and de-identified patient-level data with CMS or its authorized contractors for quality improvement evaluation purposes.
 - We authorize IPRO HQIC to release the name of our organization as a participant to other affiliated providers (e.g., corporate senior leaders) and to other affiliated participants in the quality improvement program.
- Participate in collaborative sessions, webinars, peer-sharing calls and affinity-learning groups, as appropriate
- Share and spread best practices with support from the KHA/KHREF and IPRO HQIC.

I have read and understand the expectations outlined in this Participation Agreement and by signing below, agree to actively participate in the CMS Hospital Quality Improvement Initiative.

Name of Organization	
CCN #	
Senior Leader Printed Name	
Email Address	
Phone Number	
Signature	
Date	
Point of Contact Name	
Title	
Email Address	
Phone Number	
Hospital Employee Count	
Count of Infection Prevention (IP) Staff	
IP Staff Shared with Facility outside of the Hospital	

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