



Letter of Intent to Participate with the Kentucky Hospital Association in the Hospital Quality Improvement Contractors (HQIC) Program

_____ intends to participate in the Hospital Quality Improvement Contractors (HQIC) Program and other clinical initiatives with the Kentucky Hospital Association (KHA). The program is projected for a 4-year timeframe starting in September 2020. The HQIC program focuses on three overarching goals of behavioral health outcomes including decreasing opioid misuse, increasing patient safety, increasing quality of care transitions and reducing hospital readmissions. Included in this work are technical assistance and educational offerings, reducing disparities, patient and family engagement, leadership engagement and patient safety.

From the information KHA has received from CMS, the focus areas for this program will be:

- Opioid stewardship
- Adverse drug events
- Central-line associated blood stream infections (CLABSI) in all settings
- Catheter-associated urinary tract infections (CAUTI) in all settings
- Clostridioides difficile (C.diff), MRSA, including antibiotic stewardship
- Sepsis and septic shock
- Pressure injury
- Readmissions

Additional focus areas may include:

- Surgical site infections
- Venous thromboembolism (VTE) in all surgical settings
- Ventilator-Associated Events (VAE), including infection (IVAC), ventilator associated (VAC), and possibly ventilator associated pneumonia (PVAP)
- Injury from falls and immobility
- Airway safety
- Diagnostic error related to timeline
- Others as identified

Primary Quality Contact:

Name: _____ Title: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ Email: _____

By signing below, I hereby commit my hospital to continue to collaborate and work with the Kentucky Hospital Association's Quality team on the HQIC Program and other clinical initiatives as stated above.

CEO Signature (or designee): _____