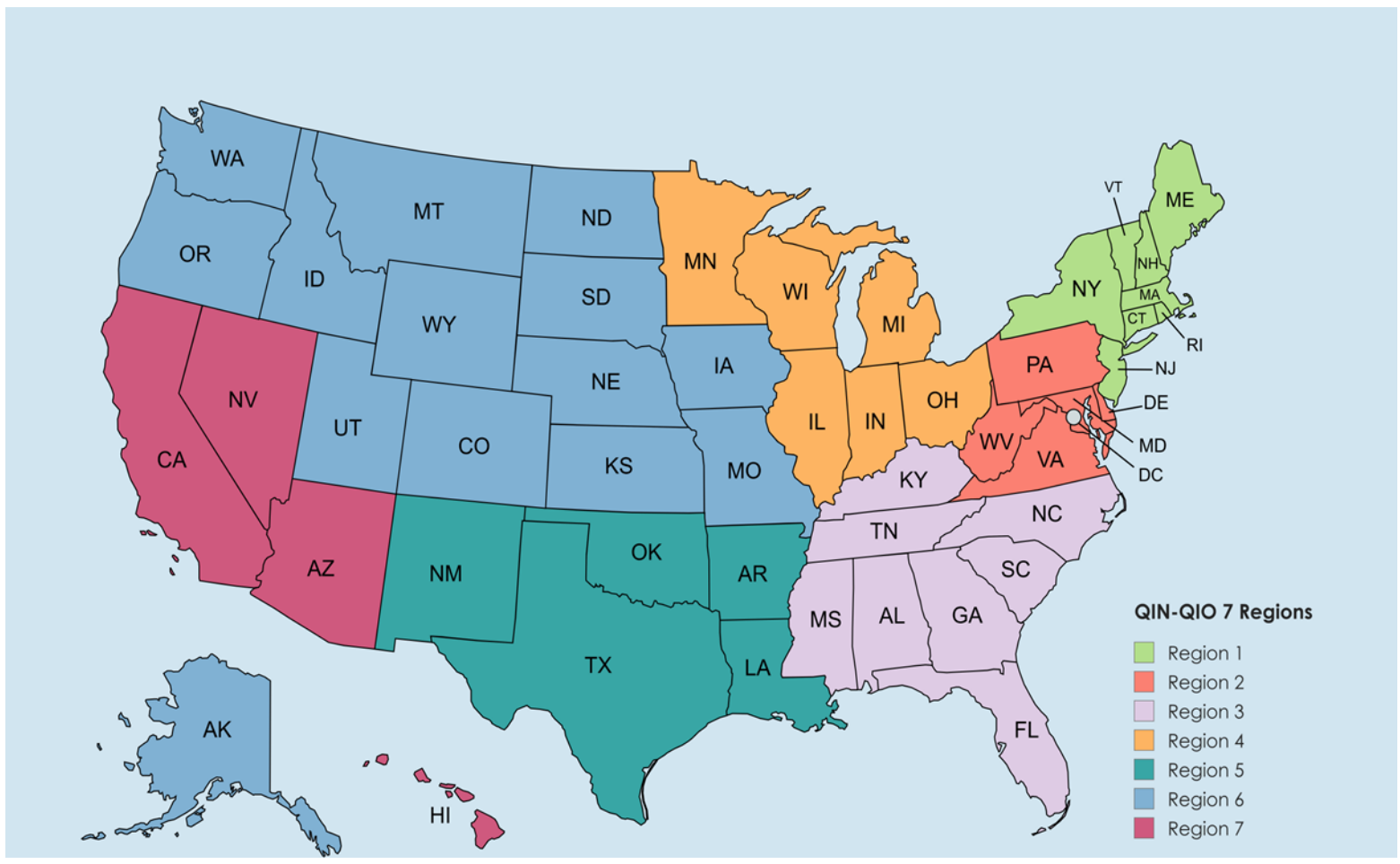
Quality Innovation Network-Quality Improvement Organizations (QIN-QIOs)

Your Quality Improvement Leaders for Nursing Homes, Hospitals and Outpatient Providers

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Quality Improvement Organization (QIO) Program is one of the largest federal programs dedicated to improving the quality of health care. **Quality Innovation Network-Quality Improvement Organizations (QIN-QIOs)** advance this mission through hospitals, nursing homes, and outpatient clinical practices (individual or group). Their initiatives are designed to improve health outcomes, health care quality, access, and value for Medicare beneficiaries. The QIN-QIO program will bring beneficiaries, providers, and communities together in data-driven initiatives that increase patient safety, make communities healthier, better coordinate post-hospital care, and improve clinical quality.

What are QIN-QIOs?

QIN-QIOs are expert groups focused on enhancing the quality of care for Medicare beneficiaries. They collaborate with patients, providers, and communities to address healthcare issues, providing technical assistance, education, and data-driven tools to help healthcare providers improve processes and outcomes. Their efforts support national goals to improve the health of communities while structuring processes for sustaining positive change. Services provided by QIN-QIOs are at no cost to eligible healthcare providers.



Serving 7 Regions across the nation for 5 years

Implementing a strategic, provider-focused communication approach

Being accountable for quality improvement work in their assigned regions defines QIN-QIOs.

Key Program Features

- *Assessment* – Environmental scan of quality initiatives
- *Coordinate* – Work with existing programs
- *Complement* – Enhance current efforts
- *Create* – Develop new targeted initiatives

Provider Benefits

- Hands-on technical assistance tailored to specific needs
- Access to 24/7 “on-demand” QI tools and training resources
- Connection to robust “learning communities”
- Timely data relevant to current practices

Beneficiary Outcomes

- Increased well-being and prevention of chronic conditions
- Safer hospital and nursing home stays
- Better behavioral healthcare coordination
- Improved care coordination across healthcare setting
- Decreased patient harm through digital health tools

Patient Centered → Evidence Based → Data Driven → Partnership Focused → Sustainable

For More Information

The five-year QIN-QIO program remains active through May 2030.

Please visit CMS Quality Improvement Organizations to learn more about QIN-QIO partners and QI initiatives.