

American Indian Alaska Native Healthcare Quality Initiative (AIANHQI)

Your Quality Improvement Leaders for AIAN

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 at the community level. The American Indian Alaska Native Healthcare Quality Initiative (AIANHQI) is a strategic partner of the QIO Program that advances this mission through partnerships with tribal communities and Medicare-certified Indian Health Service (IHS)-managed hospitals, including rural and critical access hospitals.

AIANHQI initiatives complement IHS strategic priorities and goals. The QIO Program and the AIANHQI collaborate with IHS and tribal nations to help solve the most pressing AIAN health care challenges.

What is the AIANHQI?

Person-centered. Quality improvement (QI) initiatives support health equity and reduce health disparities in the AIAN community.

Dynamic and collaborative. The AIANHQI partners with IHS-managed hospitals that serve vulnerable AIAN populations. Hospital leaders and clinical teams develop local QI projects designed to:

- Support behavioral health and decrease opioid misuse.
- Increase patient safety with a focus on hospital-acquired infections and adverse drug events.
- Refine care transitions and other care coordination processes to reduce unplanned admissions.

The AIANHQI also shares its QI resources to improve public health emergency readiness and response and to reduce health disparities that can emerge during a crisis.



Local.

- Help leadership teams understand and implement Medicare and other federal health care guidelines with no-cost QI support for the care of people who are AIAN.
- Engage with hospital leaders and stakeholders to help tailor national QI priorities to local conditions.
- Support health equity through patient and family engagement.
- Coordinate goal setting, communication, QI resources and crisis response by facilitating partnerships with community, state and local organizations.

Measurable.

- Help gather, analyze and interpret health care data to inform decisions that impact patients, families, partners and communities.
- Visualize data to help hospitals track progress toward local and national quality goals.
- Demonstrate how hospital practices and processes can respond to real-time data.

Sustainable.

- Create and spread learning opportunities for today's evidence-based best practices.
- Develop peer and community networks for learning, collaboration and sharing.
- Teach and coach QI processes and techniques for lasting change.

To Learn More

The four-year AIANHQI program remains active through September 2024. Please visit QIOProgram.org to learn more about AIANHQI partners and QI initiatives.



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