



# ***NICHQ's Annual Forum For Improving Children's Healthcare Quality***

## **Promising Transitions in Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program: A NEW DAY – A NEW WAY**

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# The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) was created in 1977, and brought together the two largest Federal health care programs, Medicare and Medicaid under a unified leadership.

In 1997, the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) was established to address the health care needs of uninsured children. That program was renewed in 2009 and is now known as "CHIP".

With a current budget of almost **\$293 billion** and serving over **98 million total beneficiaries**, CMS has become the largest purchaser of health care in the United States – with Medicaid & CHIP now leading public coverage over Medicare.

## **CMS Medicaid & CHIP History – Working Toward a Quality Vision**

- 2003 - Managed Care Quality Reporting
- 2003- CHIP Quality Reporting
- 2005 - Establishment of the Division of Quality, Evaluation, and Health Outcomes

## **CMS Medicaid & CHIP – Working Toward a Quality Vision**

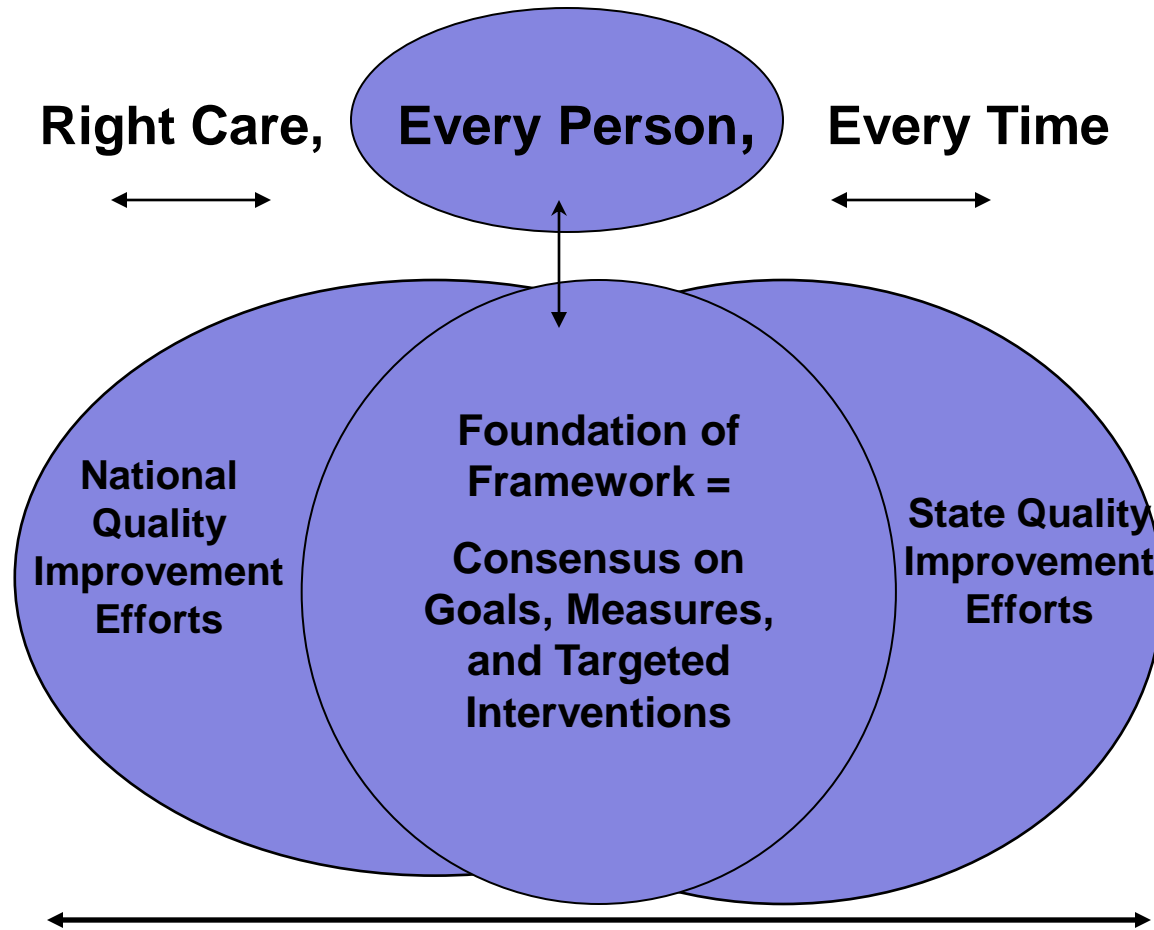
- 2005-2009 - Medicaid Transformation Grants
- 2005-2009 - Medicaid ER Diversion Grants
- 2007-2009 - High Risk Pool Grants
- 2007 -2008 - Developing a CMSO Medicaid Quality Framework

# Quality Framework Beginning

## Federal Efforts

- Health Reform
- CHIPRA and Recovery Act Guidance
- IOM Reports on Quality
- DHHS Value-Driven Health Care Initiative
- Regulatory Requirements
- Grants to States
- AHRQ, HRSA, CDC, Office of Surgeon General, and external Stakeholder initiatives
- Medicare/Medicaid cross-cutting initiatives
- CMS Quality Roadmap

## National Integration



## State Efforts

- State HIT Plan
- Home & Community Based Services Quality Management Plan
- External Quality Review Activities
- State Value-Based Purchasing Initiatives
- State Legislative requirements
- Approved Medicaid Grants
- State Collaborations, Cross-Agency initiatives, and other State led efforts
- CHIP Quality Measures
- State Studies
- State Quality Strategy

## CMS Systems – The Reality ...

- Historically – a Payer Agency
- State, Indian Health Service, and Territory programs for Medicaid AND CHIP = hundreds of separate programs and data collection and reporting systems
- Previous Federal focus has been providing support for individual State administration and development of quality initiatives for individual States

# 2009 – A Year of Major Transition in Leadership for DHHS and CMS

## It's A New Day:

- New Secretary of Health
- Still awaiting a CMS Administrator
- New Director for the Center for Medicaid and State Operations (CMSO)
- New CMSO Deputy Director with focus on quality and improving Medicaid health information systems
- New leadership within several groups of CMSO

## 2009 - A Year of Major Transition in Policy

- Children's Health Insurance Reauthorization Act
- American Recovery and Reinvestment Act
- Health Reform Proposals
- Broadening Partnerships across Federal agencies and National Organizations

# The Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act and the QUALITY Opportunity – A NEW WAY ....





## **Vision:**

**The Right Care, For Every Person,  
Every Time**

## **What is Needed:**

**An Infrastructure to accurately  
measure health outcomes and act  
accordingly**

## CHIPRA – A New Infrastructure

- New Quality Measures Program
- State Annual Quality Reporting
- New Managed Care Quality Focus for CHIP
- New Quality of Care & Obesity Demonstrations
- Pediatric EHR Program
- Focused technical assistance for States on quality improvement data collection and reporting

## THE CHALLENGES

- CHIPRA defines a very comprehensive and broad approach to measuring quality of care in Medicaid and CHIP – a consistent, national approach has barely been tested.
- Significant gaps have already been identified for developing measures to assess care and health outcomes for beneficiaries in public programs - which utilize various delivery systems in both urban and rural areas.
- Resources have been limited at both the State and Federal level – how to coordinate now?

# Opportunities in Quality Measurement for Improving Care for Medicaid and CHIP

- CMS aligns with expertise and infrastructure of the Agency for Healthcare Research Quality
- Development of a Federal CHIPRA Quality Workgroup
- National experts convened to provide recommendations to the Secretary of Health for an initial core set of quality measures for Medicaid and CHIP
- A new Quality Measures Program will be announced in 2010

# Opportunities for States to Test Innovations in Quality Improvement

**\$100 million dollars across 10 Grants involving 18 States to test and evaluate:**

- CHIPRA Quality measures
- HIT impact on care for children
- Provider delivery model impact on care for children
- New CHIPRA electronic health record format for children
- Special innovations related to medical home, EPSDT, promising practices in State partnership QI initiatives

## Preliminary CMS Areas of Focus to Improve Quality of Care

- **Reducing disparities in care** (determining top volume and cost for coverage and health status conditions for disparity),
- **Improving safety** (reducing readmissions, adverse/never events, hospital acquired conditions),
- **Improving quality of care for EPSDT services** including oral health care and newborn screening services,
- **Identifying a medical home** for preventive and diagnostic services to improve coordination of care

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- **Addressing value-based incentives** for State initiatives (versus quantity of services)
- **Evaluating outcomes in care delivery – including patient experiences with care** (primary, specialty care, long term care, inpatient, emergency care, end of life care)
- **Assessing care transition** across health care settings

## American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

- The Quality Measures Program under CHIPRA will include development of child health measures across all care settings, and therefore support meeting of meaningful use requirements under ARRA
- The CHIPRA pediatric EHR template will comply with ARRA certification requirements



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