

## CMS' quality improvement organizations reached far and wide in 2017

In 2017, quality improvement organizations reported progress on a number of fronts in improving care for Medicare beneficiaries. The QIOs have been around since the 1970s and involve work from multiple stakeholders including providers and community partners to tackle pressing healthcare problems across the U.S. Citing this work on quality, the American Hospital Association is pushing an idea that would shift review of Medicare claims from recovery audit contractors to QIOs. That proposal has taken heat from RACs.



More than **7,600** outpatient facilities have been involved in an effort to reduce antibiotic-resistant bacteria

**48.7%** of the outpatient settings have implemented the CDC's Core Elements of Outpatient Antibiotic Stewardship



More than **5,050** practices were recruited to increase the number of alcohol and depression screenings

More than **306,600** alcohol screenings were conducted during primary-care visits

**837,800** depression screenings were conducted during primary-care visits



More than **7,450** facilities, clinicians and practices are working with quality improvement organizations to boost medication safety and prevent adverse drug events

More than **2.3 MILLION** beneficiaries at high risk for an adverse drug event were screened

More than **15,600** severe adverse drug events were avoided in the Medicare high-risk population

More than **1.4 MILLION** medication-related adverse outcomes were identified for opportunities of harm avoidance



More than **47,800** beneficiaries completed a diabetes self-management education and support program

More than **5,300** diabetes educators were trained



There was a **26%** reduction in anti-psychotic medication use among nursing homes across the nation

About **54,500** fewer nursing home patients received unnecessary anti-psychotic medications

More than **12,200** nursing homes were recruited for an effort to reduce healthcare-acquired conditions and improve patient care

Diabetes management programs were taught in **17** different languages