

CMS Directed Quality Improvement Initiative



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QIO Program Expands in Response to Pandemic: Free Expert Support for Nursing Homes on Infection Control and Prevention

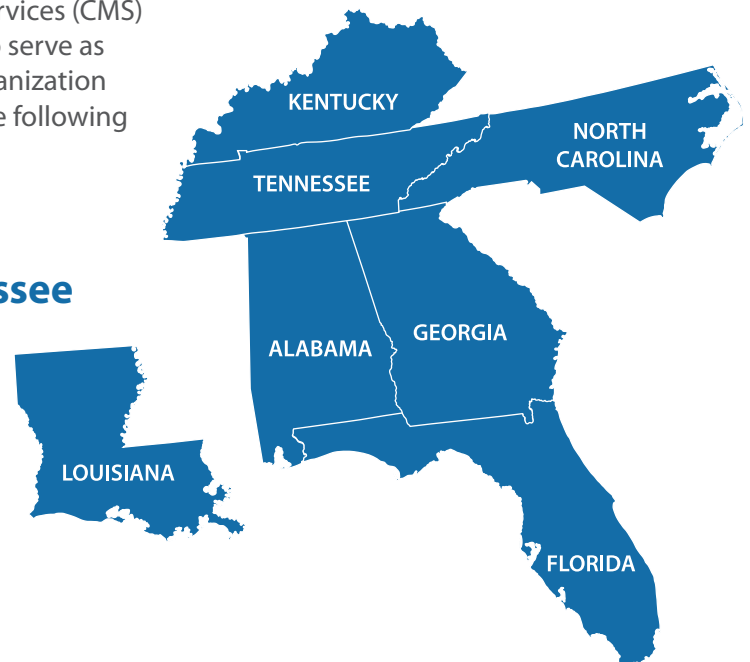
The QIO Program has a long history of rising to face challenges impacting healthcare providers, the communities in which they operate, and the patients or beneficiaries they serve. This could never be more needed than today. In response to the pandemic, CMS has re-directed the QIO Program, one of the largest federal programs dedicated to improving health quality at the community level for people with Medicare, to provide direct infection prevention support to nursing homes.

The pandemic has redefined vulnerable. Alliant Quality, under direct authority of CMS, now expands the services provided to nursing homes and communities to provide direct technical assistance to those most in need, as defined by noted challenges in infection control or other health conditions. By partnering with these facilities, Alliant Quality's experts aim to provide direct technical assistance, tools, resources, and moral support to staff working tirelessly to care for beneficiaries in these challenging times. We're ready to work with you shoulder-to-shoulder to reduce burden on your staff and together achieve improvements in outcomes for you, your staff, and your residents/patients.

In the fall of 2019, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) awarded Alliant Health Solutions (AHS) the opportunity to serve as a Quality Innovation Network – Quality Improvement Organization (QIN-QIO) under the 12th Statement of Work (SOW) for the following seven states:

Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, North Carolina, and Tennessee

In this five-year SOW, Alliant Quality, the quality improvement group of AHS, provides assistance to nursing homes and communities; including those serving rural and the most vulnerable populations, and those in need of customized quality improvement.



If your state is seeing a rise in COVID-19 cases, please contact Alliant Quality today at nursinghome@alliantquality.org to find out if you are eligible for immediate infection control and prevention support.