

Improving Care for Medicare Beneficiaries



Why Is Improving Health Care for Medicare Beneficiaries Urgent?

- The percentage of the U.S. population age 65 and older increased 34% since 2010 and 20% of the population will be 65 and older by 2030. Most people 65 and older in the U.S. are covered by Medicare for their health care.
- Nearly two out of three Medicare beneficiaries have multiple chronic conditions, putting them at increased risk for mortality and compromised day-to-day functioning than those who are in good health.
- An estimated 66% of total U.S. health care spending is associated with care for those living with multiple chronic conditions.
- The pandemic has brought disparities in care for vulnerable and high-risk Medicare beneficiaries in long-term and congregate care settings into focus.

Why Stratis Health?

- The Stratis Health team has led quality improvement efforts for Medicare beneficiaries since 1971.
- We address national Medicare health care quality priorities on the local level, carrying out Medicare's quality improvement programs through [Superior Health Quality Alliance](#), the joint partnership we formed in 2018.
- Stratis Health improves the health care experience by increasing coordination among clinicians and facilities and across settings of patient safety, coordination of care, behavioral health, opioid use disorder, and nursing home quality.
- We increase health equity by measuring the impact of our work on populations that experience the greatest health disparities.

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Explore the Stratis Health Transformation Framework at [stratishealth.org](https://www.stratishealth.org)

Stratis Health's Impact

- From 2014-2019 in Minnesota, Michigan, and Wisconsin:
 - Nearly **95%** of participating organizations implemented an antibiotic stewardship program.
 - Almost **69,000** fewer beneficiaries considered at high risk for opioid use.
 - Nearly **75%** of beneficiaries screened for depression at participating clinics.
- Nearly **150,000** rural Medicare consumers have benefitted from efforts to improve care coordination and reduce hospital admissions.
- Improved health care quality and safety for seniors by addressing multiple aims with at least **770** nursing homes and providers serving at least 65% of Medicare beneficiaries in MI, MN, and WI.

Resources

- [Superior Health Quality Alliance](#)
- [CMS Quality Improvement Organizations](#)



Stratis Health is a nonprofit organization that leads collaboration and innovation in health care quality and safety, and serves as a trusted expert in facilitating improvement for people and communities.

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