

OREGON HEALTH POLICY COMMISSION State Quality Improvement Plan

What is the Quality Improvement Action Plan?

The Oregon Health Policy Commission (OHPC) has chartered a State Quality Improvement Team to create a targeted action plan to align state agency efforts to improve quality.

Critical goals of the action plan are to:

- Align public agency efforts to capitalize on state agencies' resources and influence to purchase health care wisely, reduce fragmentation, and motivate innovation.
- Promote, align with, and build upon other quality efforts already underway.
- Turn quality recommendations produced by health reform conversations of the last few years into action.
- Take advantage of key ways the State can leverage change.
- Begin with a manageable scope to serve as a learning process for future stages of the action plan.
- Evaluate progress through short- and long-term process and outcome measures.

Project Structure

The State Quality Improvement Team was originally created to receive technical assistance from the AcademyHealth/Commonwealth Fund's State Quality Improvement Institute. The Governor's Office has requested the Oregon Health Policy Commission serve as the entity that will oversee the development of the State Quality Action Plan, monitor implementation, and provide a public forum for discussion and refining the plan. A draft plan is being developed for an AcademyHealth technical assistance event in May 2009.

State Quality Improvement Team Membership

- Governor's Office
- Department of Human Services
 - Director's Office rep. for mental health and other service integration
 - Office for Oregon Health Policy and Research
 - Division of Medical Assistance Programs
 - Public Health Division
 - Seniors & People with Disabilities Division
- Oregon Private Health Partnerships & Oregon Medical Insurance Pool
- Public Employee Benefit Board/Oregon Educators Benefit Board
- Oregon Health Policy Commissioners and legislative members
- Oregon Health Care Quality Corporation
- Oregon Patient Safety Commission
- Oregon Association of Hospitals and Health Systems

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