

Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)

HQIC Quality Program Overview

Network of Quality Improvement + Innovation Contractors (NQIC)

- + 58 organizations make up the NQIC
- + The 12th scope of work defines what NQICs will work on Task orders define how this work is accomplished
- + NQICs are the only contractors that can compete for task order work (see details of this work on the graphic to the left)
- + Not all NQICs may be awarded work

Hospital Quality Improvement Contractor (HQIC)

- + 9 NQICs were awarded HQIC (Task Order 3 work – represented by Hospital Improvement)
- + HQIC was previously known as HIIN or HEN
- + Project period is four years (September 2020 – September 2024)

Eligibility:

- + Rural, Critical Access Hospitals and hospitals that are low performing and/or serve vulnerable populations
- + Voluntary program

The Compass HQIC Network

- + Iowa Healthcare Collaborative (IHC) was one of the HQIC awardees
- + Partnering with South Dakota Association of Healthcare Organizations (SDAHO), Kansas Healthcare Collaborative (KHC) and Mississippi Hospital Association (MHA)

Hospital Performance Improvement

Goals:

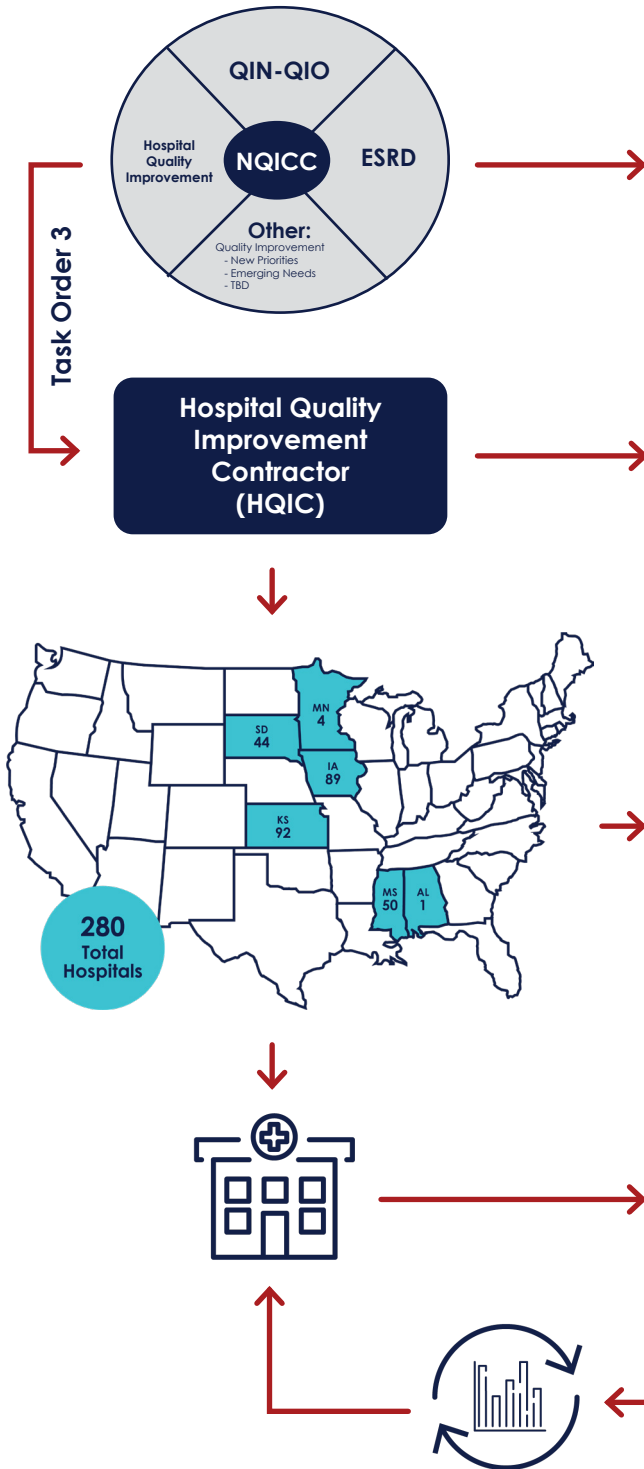
- + Improve behavioral health outcomes with a focus on decreased opioid misuse
- + Increase patient safety with a focus on reduction of harm
- + Increase the quality of care transitions with a focus on high utilizers

Data Submission

Claims, NHSN, Compass Portal or QHI for KS hospitals

Data Tracking

Compass hospital reports including run charts and dashboards



Network Resource Links

- + [Compass Portal](#)
- + [Compass Newsletters](#)
- + [iCompass](#)
- + [QHI Portal for KS Hospitals](#)
- + [iCompass Academy](#)

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