

AGENCY-SPECIFIC PLAN FOR THE NATIONAL QUALITY STRATEGY

Food and Drug Administration (FDA)

Program	Description	NQS Priorities*						Current-Year Activities	Metrics	Future-Year Plans**	Vision/End Goals
Safe Use Initiative	The Safe Use Initiative reduces preventable harm by identifying specific, preventable medication risks; and developing, implementing, and evaluating cross-sector interventions with Federal and local partners. Preventable drug harm will be reduced through increased communication, engagement, and action across all sectors of public health and health care.	1 ★	2 ✓	3	4	5	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collaborate with Federal partners, including AHRQ and CDC, to develop population-based national estimates of preventable harm from medications. Develop a list of candidate cases for preventable harm (e.g., drugs, drug classes, and/or therapeutic situations) for collaborative analysis and intervention through meetings and extensive consultation with public and private stakeholders. Implement a small number of interventions through FDA regulatory actions with an explicit plan for measuring impact. 	Preventable harm from adverse drug events is estimated on a national level and used to evaluate which interventions to undertake. Each intervention should have specific plans to measure their impact.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expand intervention initiative to prevent drug harm through public and private collaborations within the health care community (P1, Goal 3). Incorporate public feedback into development of the candidate list and intervention strategy (P3, Goal 3). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduce the likelihood of preventable harm from medication use through collaborative efforts with external stakeholders.

* ✓ = Priorities to which the program aligns

★ = Primary priority

** Please see Appendix A on the last page, which includes a table of the six NQS Priorities and Long-Term Goals.

Appendix A. National Quality Strategy Priorities and Long-Term Goals

#	Priority	Long-Term Goals (Recommended by the National Priorities Partnership)
1	Making care safer by reducing harm caused in the delivery of care.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reduce preventable hospital admissions and readmissions. 2. Reduce the incidence of adverse health care-associated conditions. 3. Reduce harm from inappropriate or unnecessary care.
2	Ensuring that each person and family are engaged as partners in their care.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Improve patient, family, and caregiver experience of care related to quality, safety, and access across settings. 2. In partnership with patients, families, and caregivers—and using a shared decisionmaking process—develop culturally sensitive and understandable care plans. 3. Enable patients and their families and caregivers to navigate, coordinate, and manage their care appropriately and effectively.
3	Promoting effective communication and coordination of care.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Improve the quality of care transitions and communications across care settings. 2. Improve the quality of life for patients with chronic illness and disability by following a current care plan that anticipates and addresses pain and symptom management, psychosocial needs, and functional status. 3. Establish shared accountability and integration of communities and health care systems to improve quality of care and reduce health disparities.
4	Promoting the most effective prevention and treatment practices for the leading causes of mortality, starting with cardiovascular disease.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Promote cardiovascular health through community interventions that result in improvement of social, economic, and environmental factors. 2. Promote cardiovascular health through interventions that result in adoption of the most important healthy lifestyle behaviors across the lifespan. 3. Promote cardiovascular health through receipt of effective clinical preventive services across the lifespan in clinical and community settings.
5	Working with communities to promote wide use of best practices to enable healthy living.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Promote healthy living and well-being through community interventions that result in improvement of social, economic, and environmental factors. 2. Promote healthy living and well-being through interventions that result in adoption of the most important healthy lifestyle behaviors across the lifespan. 3. Promote healthy living and well-being through receipt of effective clinical preventive services across the lifespan in clinical and community settings.
6	Making quality care more affordable for individuals, families, employers, and governments by developing and spreading new health care delivery models.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ensure affordable and accessible high-quality health care for people, families, employers, and governments. 2. Support and enable communities to ensure accessible, high-quality care while reducing waste and fraud.