



# Arizona HealthQuery Fall 2008 Data Partner Meeting

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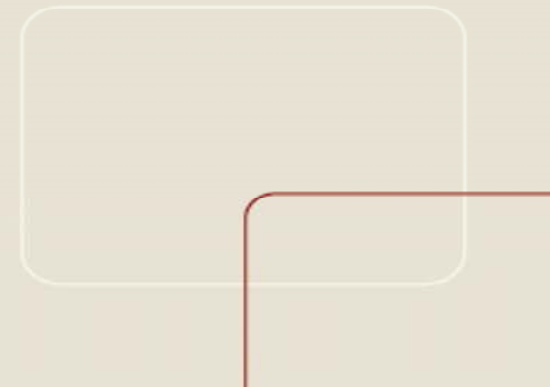
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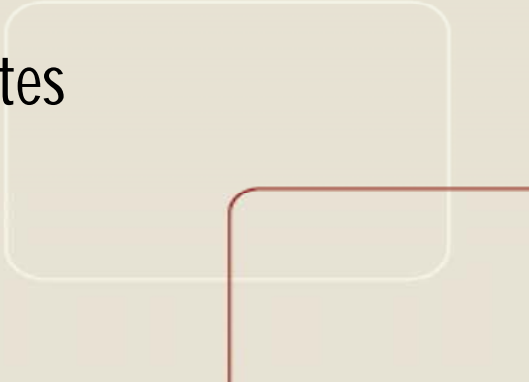


# **BQI: Better Quality Information to Improve Care for Medicare Beneficiaries**

## **A Primer**



## Background

- AQA worked with stakeholders to test feasibility of measuring and reporting physician level quality
  - 2005: AQA issued call for proposals
  - 2006: Executive order signed promoting transparency
  - 2006: CHIR selected as one of six national pilot sites
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## Project Scope

CMS designed BQI special project and narrowed scope to complement federal government's Value-Driven Health Care Initiative

### Key focus:

- Issues/benefits of aggregating Medicare data with other payer data
- Issues/benefits of reporting quality measures to providers
- Issues/benefits of reporting quality measures to beneficiaries

## Project Details

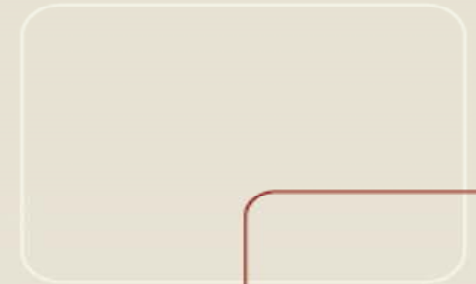
- Cycles of data: Medicare FFS 2004 – 2007, Part D 2006 – 2007
  - Aggregation: data use restrictions limited opportunity to take advantage of AZHQ
  - Calculation of quality measures: narrowed from AQA “Starter Set” of 26
  - Reporting
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## Lessons Learned

Attribution: difficulty assigning patients to providers  
difficulty assigning providers to groups

Validation: data use restrictions also restrict ability to meaningfully  
validate results

Regional differences: why are some communities more willing/able to move  
toward increased transparency?





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