

Introduction to Quality and Federal Policy



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How is Quality Implemented through the Affordable Care Act (ACA)?



Example: Increased the number of federal programs **required to use endorsed measures**.



Example: The ACA established **value-based purchasing plans** for:

- Skilled Nursing Facilities
- Home Health Agencies
- Ambulatory Surgical Settings

How is Quality Implemented through ACA? (cont.)



150
INDIVIDUALS
90
ORGANIZATIONS

Example: The ACA established the Measure Applications Partnership (aka “MAP”) to **recommend quality measures** for federally funded healthcare programs

- Convened here at NQF, this multistakeholder, consensus based entity as advises HHS about which measures to put into Medicare and Medicaid programs
- Provides annual “pre-rulemaking” input on measures to be included in selected Medicare payment and reporting programs