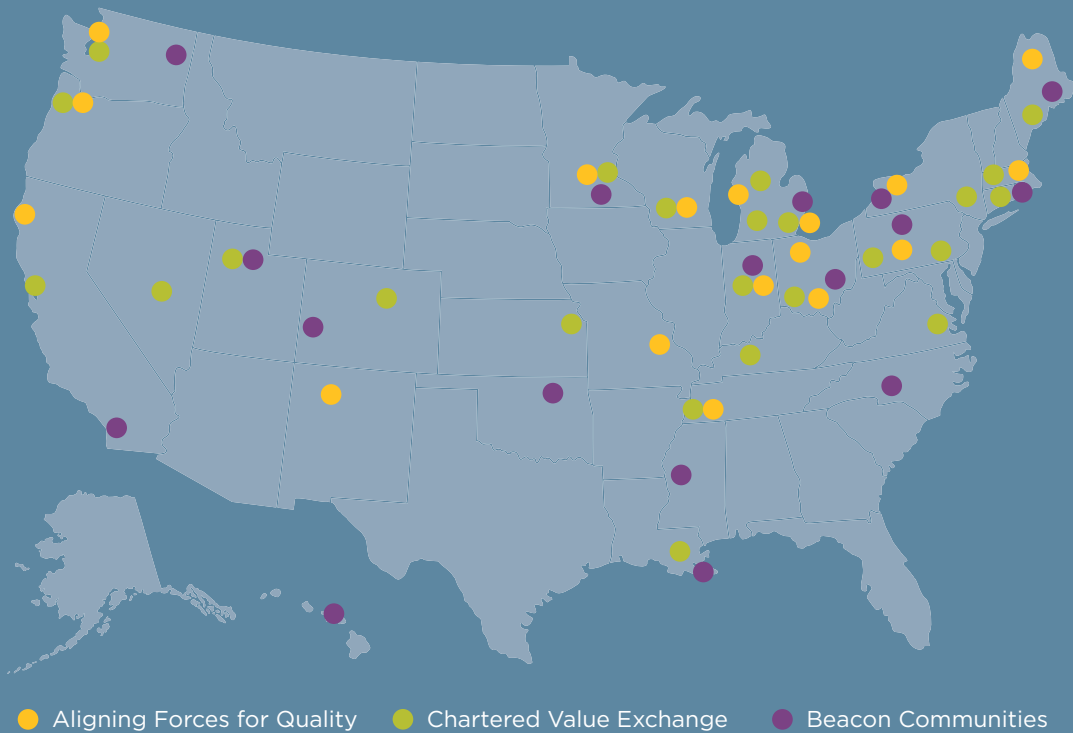


Alignment at the Community Level

Leading multi-stakeholder alliances in communities across the country use NQF-endorsed measures, including the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's Aligning Forces for Quality (AF4Q) alliances. To support community interest in aligning the measures they are using, a recent analysis conducted by NQF found that at least 170 NQF-endorsed measures are being used by one or more of the 16 AF4Q alliances. In addition, NQF-endorsed measures are being used by many of the Chartered Value Exchange (CVE) collaboratives, the federally-funded Beacon communities, other communities and a number of states. Given that there is no national requirement to use standardized measures at this level, communities/states have shown leadership in adopting such measures into their local programs.

EXAMPLES OF COMMUNITIES FOCUSED ON QUALITYⁱ



The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's **Aligning Forces for Quality** initiative seeks to increase the quality of healthcare and reduce racial and ethnic disparities in 16 diverse communities – with the involvement and collaborative efforts of physicians, patients, consumer groups, hospitals, health plans, and others.

The U.S. Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) supports 24 **Learning Network Chartered Value Exchanges**. The CVEs are experimenting with new ways to bring healthcare stakeholders together to collect data and improve the quality of care.

The federal **Beacon Community Cooperative Agreement** program provides 17 communities with funding to improve quality, cost-efficiency, and population health using electronic health records and other health information technology tools to collect and analyze clinical data. The program's goal is to demonstrate the ability of health IT to transform local healthcare systems.

ⁱ Geographic reach of these efforts varies, e.g., state-wide, county-specific