Understanding the National Quality Strategy and its Impact on Nutrition & Dietetics Credentialed Practitioners



What is the National Quality Strategy?

Launched in 2022, is a Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) plan to improve the quality and safety of health care. With a vision of shaping a resilient, high value health care system that delivers high-quality, safe, and equitable care, it focuses on underserved and under-resourced communities, and uses all of CMS' programs. Learn more here.

It has four priority areas and goals. Each goal has associated objectives and targets that support successful implementation. Learn more here.



What is Meaningful Measures?

Initiative to reduce the number of CMS quality measures and ease the burden, while promoting innovation and modernization. It addresses several of the NQS areas, utilizing eight healthcare priorities, shown to the right. Learn more here.

Cascade of Meaningful Measures

Tool to prioritize existing quality measures, align or reduce measures, and identify gaps where new measures may need developed. Learn more here.



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Universal Foundation

Strategy to streamline quality measures across CMS quality programs. Learn more here.

What Can Nutrition & Dietetics Credentialed Practitioners Do?

- Understand the implications of the NQS, Meaningful Measures and the Universal Foundation Programs have.
- Promote and support implementation of the Global Malnutrition Composite Score framework.
- Develop and/or participate in quality and process improvement opportunities that align with the NQS goals and demonstrate value.
- Practice at the top of your credential.
- Ensure patient outcomes and quality of care is the ultimate goal when practicing.