

Overview: Quality Innovation Network- Quality Improvement Organization

What is a QIN-QIO?

Required by statute, the Quality Innovation Network-Quality Improvement Organization (QIN-QIO) Program is one of the largest federal programs dedicated to improving the effectiveness and quality of health care services delivered to people with Medicare.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) contracts with organizations like **Comagine Health** to carry out the program mission. As the current QIN-QIO contractor for Idaho, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah and Washington, Comagine Health assists with:

- Quality improvement and patient safety initiative implementation
- Capacity building through education and training
- Community convening to align and advance common goals

Provider participation in the program is fully voluntary. You can [read about the QIN-QIO Program on the CMS website](#) or [qioprogram.org](#).

Future of the QIN-QIO Program

CMS updates the QIN-QIO Program each contract cycle to ensure it meets provider and community needs, and moves the dial on quality and safety. CMS has recently announced changes to the program, including the formation of seven QIN-QIO regions, combining setting-specific programs into one cross-setting contract and securing greater alignment with key federal strategies for quality and health equity. Comagine Health will engage our communities to plan, design and implement a transformed QIN-QIO Program, with a focus on:

- Innovative and sustainable approaches to better care delivery, quality improvement and patient safety
- Engaging with and developing health care workforce and leadership
- Applying a rural health and health equity lens to QIN-QIO activities, including culturally tailored and responsive interventions and working with culturally-specific and community-based organizations
- Implementation and optimization of new technology to make better use of data in quality improvement and community health initiatives, and leverage technology to expand workforce capacity and coordinate care

About Comagine Health

Comagine Health is a mission-driven, nonprofit organization with a strong focus on engaging local partners in our work through an [active board of directors and state-based community boards](#). We have nearly 40 years of experience as the QIN-QIO in six Western states and active work in communities across the country. In 2018, Qualis Health and HealthInsight merged to become Comagine Health, operating out of offices in Alabama, Alaska, the District of Columbia, Mississippi, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah and Washington, and virtually across the country. Learn more at [comagine.org](#).

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Focus Areas

- ▶ Build the capacity of health care providers across settings to **improve quality and safety**
- ▶ Preventing opioid harms, improving access to **behavioral health** and **substance use disorder treatment**
- ▶ Improving nursing home care
- ▶ **Preventing and managing chronic diseases** like diabetes, hypertension and chronic kidney disease, and **increasing preventive services** like immunizations
- ▶ Improving **care coordination** and **care transitions** to reduce unnecessary hospitalizations, emergency room visits and readmissions
- ▶ Convening community organizations and health care providers to address **social determinants of health** and gaps in **health equity**