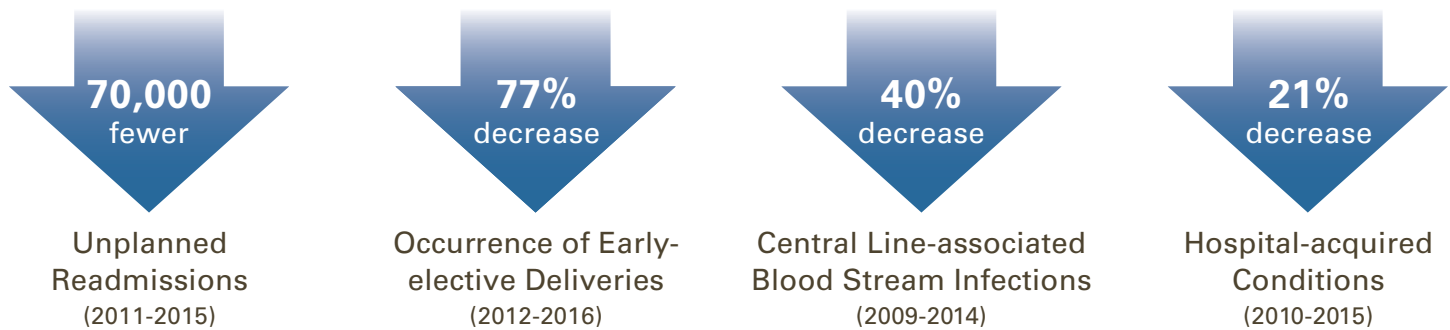


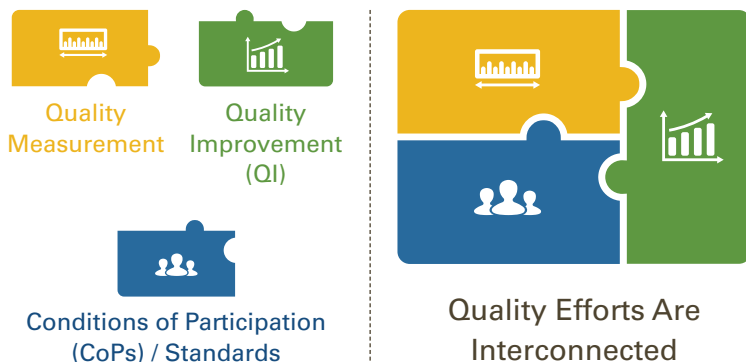
# Aligning Efforts to Improve Quality

Hospitals and health systems have made great strides to improve quality of care. Public policies need to be revised to promote – not impede – continuous improvement.

## Significant Strides Have Been Made in Patient Care



## Barriers to Improving Care: Conflicting and Uncoordinated Federal Policies



Currently, policies impacting quality measurement, QI and Medicare CoPs/standards are viewed separately though, in practice, they are interrelated.



An average-sized hospital spends approximately \$3.8 million annually on **administrative aspects of quality reporting and complying with CoPs.**



## What's Needed: A Cohesive Framework

To sustain and accelerate progress, policymakers must think strategically about quality policies.

- ✓ Implement "measures that matter" the most to improving care.
- ✓ Adopt modern, meaningful and effective standards.
- ✓ Align measures and standards from all federal quality programs to support improvement.

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