

## MISSION

The Louisiana Health Care Quality Forum is a private, not-for-profit organization dedicated to leading evidence-based, collaborative initiatives to improve the health of Louisiana residents.

## OVERVIEW

The Louisiana Health Care Quality Forum was formally recognized in 2007 by the State Legislature to plan, promote and lead quality improvement initiatives in our state. As a neutral convener led by a volunteer board, the organization's initial focus was the transition to patient-centered models of care delivery to improve quality and outcomes while reducing costs. This focus quickly expanded to include other quality improvement measures and an emphasis on the collection and analysis of trusted, actionable health care data as well as outreach and education to support patient engagement and empowerment.

By 2008, it had also identified health IT as a major need in Louisiana. In 2010, the organization was awarded \$18.4 million in federal grant funds to establish a Regional Extension Center to assist the state's health care providers in the adoption and meaningful use of electronic health records (EHRs), and to implement and administer the Louisiana Health Information Exchange (LaHIE).

The Quality Forum also adopted the Louisiana Physician Orders for Scope of Treatment (LaPOST) program as one of its initiatives in 2010. Approved as Act 954 in the 2010 regular session of the State Legislature, LaPOST is an evidence-based model designed to improve end-of-life care for those with serious, advanced illnesses.

## WORKING TOGETHER FOR A Healthier State

The Quality Forum's focus areas have overlapped and aligned, yielding a comprehensive and integrated approach to improving **health care quality**, **value** and **outcomes** in Louisiana.



## FOCUS AREAS

### PATIENT-CENTERED MEDICAL HOME

*Promoting patient-centered care as the foundation of coordinated, quality-driven health care in Louisiana.*

### QUALITY IMPROVEMENT/ ANALYTICS

*Aggregating, analyzing and disseminating health care data to guide quality improvements in Louisiana.*

### REGIONAL EXTENSION CENTER

*Advancing the adoption and meaningful use of electronic health records among Louisiana's health care providers and hospitals.*

### LOUISIANA HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE (LaHIE)

*Managing a secure, electronic network to enable the communication of health information among authorized providers in Louisiana.*

### LOUISIANA PHYSICIAN ORDERS FOR SCOPE OF TREATMENT (LaPOST)

*Providing advance care planning and improving the quality of end-of-life care for patients with serious, advanced illnesses in Louisiana.*

### OUTREACH AND EDUCATION

*Providing Louisiana residents with the information necessary to make positive decisions about their health and health care.*

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