



The Physicians Advocacy Institute's
Medicare Quality Payment Program (QPP)
Physician Education Initiative

Landscape of Key QPP Resources and Organizations

Quality Payment Program Network of Players

QIN-QIOs | Quality Innovation Network - Quality Improvement Organizations

Purpose: Federally-funded organizations that create opportunities for physicians and other health care professionals to learn from each other, apply advanced improvement and analytical methods, engage patients and families, and structure processes for sustaining positive change. Principles align with CMS Quality Strategy (eliminating disparities, strengthening infrastructure and data systems, enabling local innovation, and fostering learning organizations). There a total of 14 QIN-QIOs that serve regions of 2 to 6 States each. They provide education and technical assistance for the QPP at no or low cost. More info [here](#). To locate your QIN-QIO click [here](#).

QPP-SURS | Small, Underserved, & Rural Support

Purpose: 11 local, experienced organizations provide hands-on QPP training and support to small practices of 15 or fewer clinicians. Practices in rural locations, health professional shortages areas, and medically underserved areas will be helped first. More info [here](#).

National Specialties Societies

Visit your specialty society online for information specific to your specialty, setting, and practice. Direct link [here](#)

Hospital Associations

Purpose: Some societies may be partnering with hospital associations to ease the burden for physicians participating in MIPS.

Third-party Data Submission Vendors

Registry vendors, QCDR vendors, health IT/EHR vendors, CMS-approved survey vendors who submit your MIPS data to CMS on your behalf.

QCDRs | Qualified Clinical Data Registries

Purpose: Registries that must apply and meet certain requirements to be able to collect and report quality measures data to CMS on behalf of their participants. These registries can be specialty-specific, condition-specific, treatment-specific, etc. Can report QPP measures, as well as their own set of measures (only available in their QCDR) that have been approved by CMS. List of 2017 QCDRs [here](#).

Qualified Registries

Purpose: Offer a platform to electronically report the QPP MIPS measures, and often contract through specialty societies to offer a tailored platform. List of 2017 Qualified Registries is available [here](#).

TCPI | Transforming Clinical Practice Initiative

Purpose: Under CMMI, designed to support practices over the next four years in sharing, adapting, and further developing their comprehensive quality improvements strategies. Clinicians participating in TCPI will learn about MIPS and how to move toward participating in APMs. Operate PTNs. More info [here](#).

PTNs | Physician Transformation Network

Purpose: Peer-based learning networks designed to coach, mentor, and assist physicians in developing core competencies specific to practice transformation. Allows physician practices to become actively engaged in the transformation and ensures collaboration among a community of practices. There are about 30 organizations/practices currently in PTNs. More info [here](#).

SANs | Support & Alignment Networks

Purpose: Provide a system for workforce development utilizing national and regional professional association and public-private partnerships that are currently working in practice transformation efforts. Will help ensure sustainability of these efforts. Especially support the recruitment of clinician practices serving small, rural and medically underserved communities. Will play an active role in the alignment of new learning. SANs 2.0:

- Funding opportunity to leverage primary and specialist care transformation work and learning that will catalyze the adoption of APMs.
 - Represent a significant enhancement to the TCPI network expertise and will help clinicians prepare for the QPP.
- There are 10 organizations/practices currently in SANs. More info [here](#).

QEs | Qualified Entities

Purpose: Organizations that can receive Medicare Parts A, B, and D claims to produces and publicly disseminate CMS-approved reports on provider performance. They are also permitted to create non-public analyses and provide or sell such analysis to authorized users. More info [here](#).

CMS QPP Website and Service Center

The CMS QPP website offers education and tools to help you learn about the QPP. Visit qpp.cms.gov | Email: qpp@cms.hhs.gov | Call: 1-866-288-8292 | Subscribe to QPP updates: visit qpp.cms.gov and select "Subscribe to Updates" in the footer.

HCP LAN | Health Care Payment Learning and Action Network

Purpose: Public-private partnership to align efforts in moving towards APMs and value-based payments. Serves as a forum where small practices and other stakeholders can come together and discuss, track, and share best practices on how to transition towards APMs. More info [here](#).

PCPI | Physician Consortium for Performance Improvement

Purpose: Stakeholder community for measures and measure development, quality improvement activities, and clinical registries. Affiliated with the National Quality Registry Network - NQRN - which is a network of member organizations that operate or are interested in registries, and use the information from registries to improve patient outcomes. It also provides resources and conferences and education for PCPI members interested in registries. More info [here](#).

PTAC | Physician-Focused Payment Model Technical Advisory Committee

Purpose: Entity that reviews physician-focused APMs and makes recommendation to HHS about implementation of those models. More info [here](#).

CMS Innovation Center's Learning System

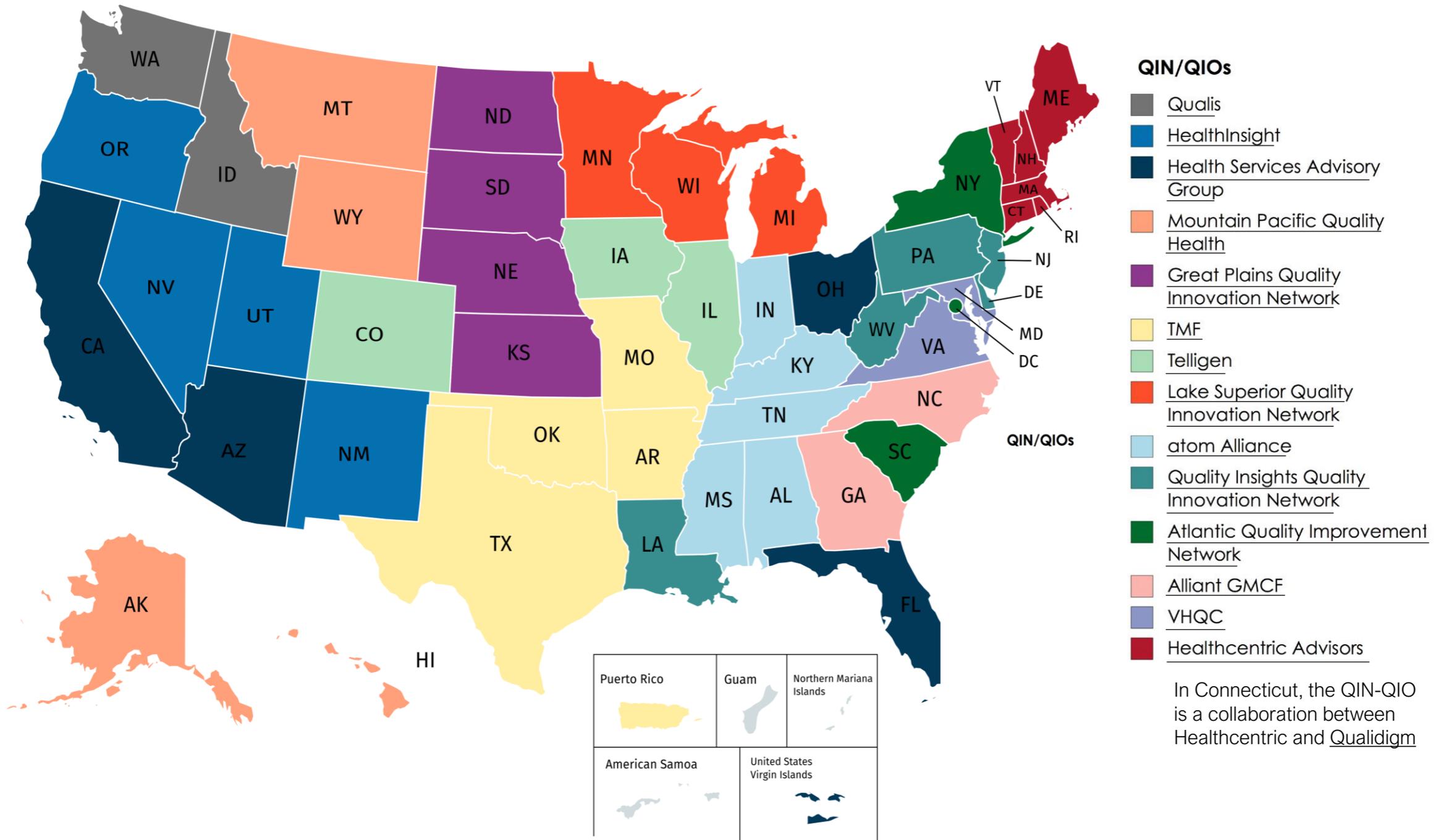
Purpose: To help physicians who are in an Advanced APM find specialized information about what they need to do to be successful in the Advanced APM track. To help physicians in MIPS APMs better understand how to be successful under the MIPS track. More info [here](#).

NQF | National Quality Forum

Purpose: Many quality measurements that are part of the MIPS program are NQF-endorsed, meaning they have gone through the NQF's endorsement process requiring measures to meet a five-part criteria "to ensure they reflect sound science, will be useful to providers and patients, and will make a difference in improving quality." More information [here](#)

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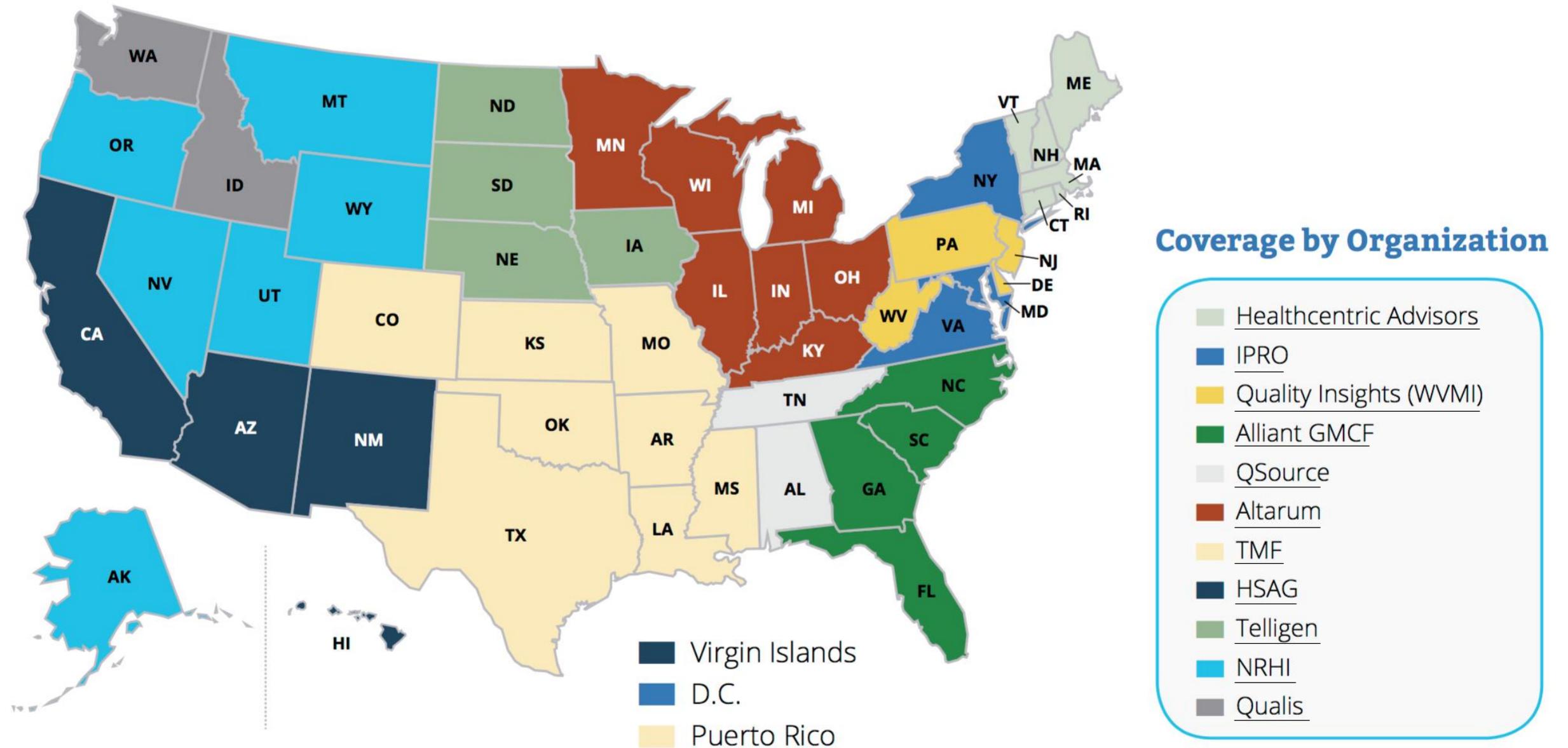


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QPP-SURS

Small, Underserved and Rural Support

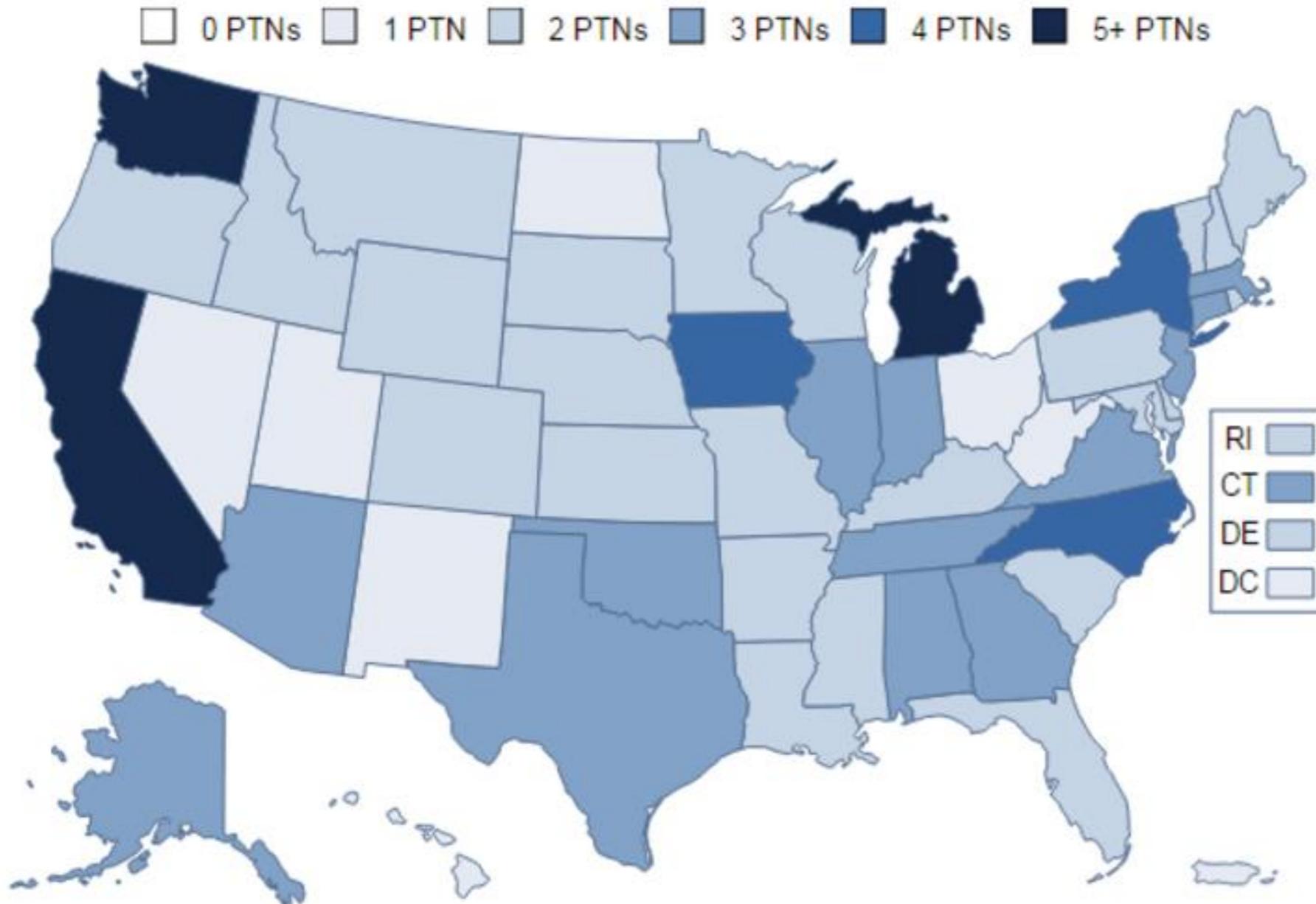
Small practices with 15 or fewer clinicians, including those in rural locations, health professional shortage areas (HPSAs), and medically underserved areas (MUAs) are a crucial part of the health care system. 11 local, experienced organizations provide hands-on QPP training and support to MIPS eligible clinicians and small practices in these settings participate in the QPP.



Source: https://qpp.cms.gov/docs/QPP_Support_for_Small_Practices.pdf
https://qpp.cms.gov/docs/QPP_Technical_Assistance_Resource_Guide.pdf

Physician Transformation Network

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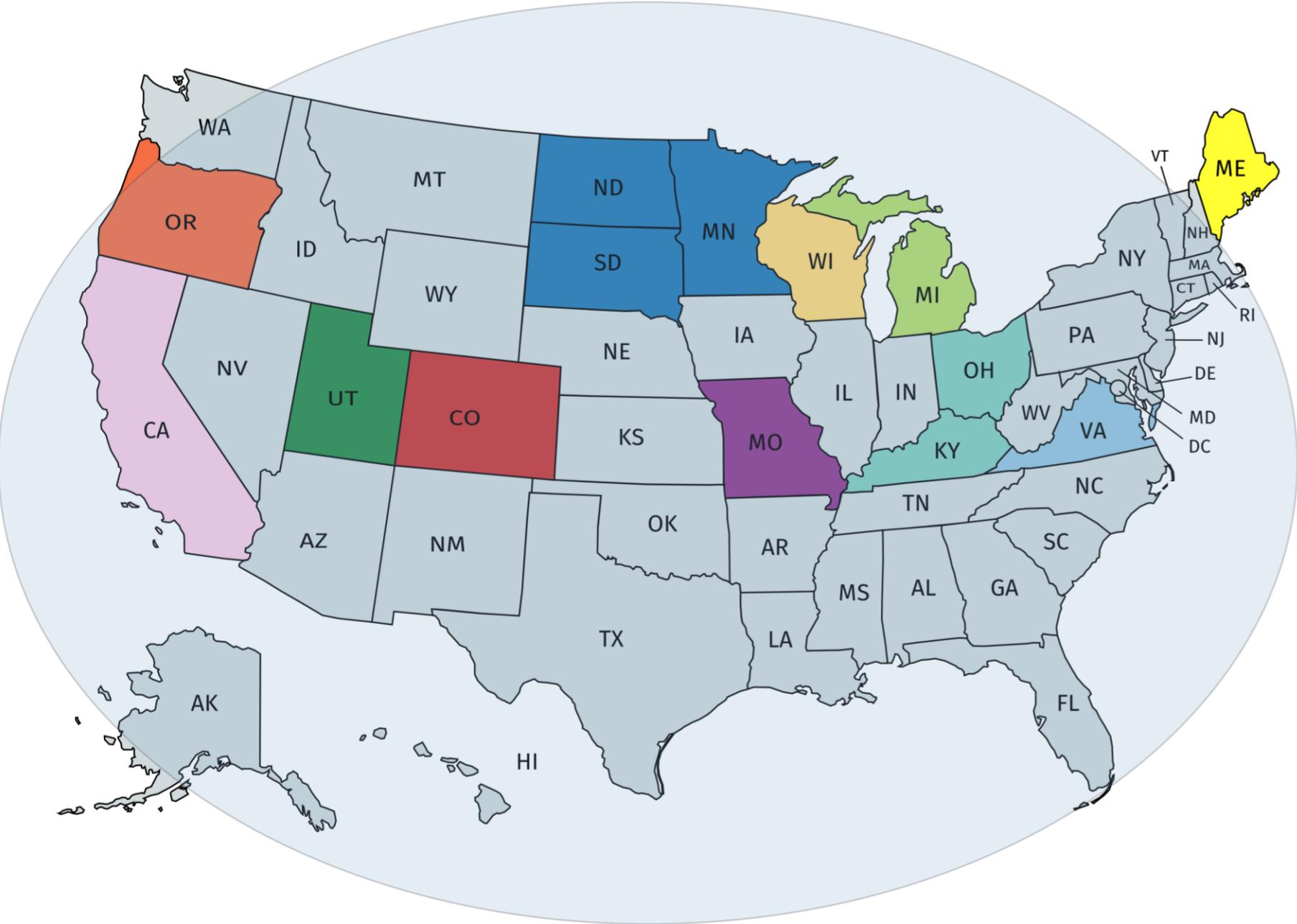
Source: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

- [Arizona Health-e Connection](#)
- [Baptist Health System, VHA/UHC Alliance Newco, Inc](#)
- [Children's Hospital of Orange County, Pacific Business Group on Health, Local Initiative Health Authority of Los Angeles County](#)
- [Colorado Department of Health Care Policy & Financing](#)
- [Community Care of North Carolina, Inc](#)
- [Community Health Center Association of Connecticut, University of Massachusetts Medical School](#)
- [Consortium for Southeastern Hypertension Control](#)
- [Health Partners Delmarva](#)
- [Iowa Healthcare Collaborative](#)
- [Maine Quality Counts](#)
- [Mayo Clinic](#)
- [National Council for Behavioral Health](#)
- [National Rural Accountable Care Consortium](#)
- [New Jersey Innovation Institute](#)
- [New Jersey Medical & Health Associates dba CarePoint Health](#)
- [New York eHealth Collaborative](#)
- [New York University School of Medicine](#)
- [PeaceHealth Ketchikan Medi Center](#)
- [Rhode Island Quality Institute](#)
- [The Trustees of Indiana University](#)
- [University of Massachusetts Medical School](#)
- [University of Washington, Washington State Dept. of Health](#)
- [Vanderbilt University Medical Center](#)
- [VHA-UHC Alliance \(Vizient\)](#)
- [VHQC](#)

Source: <https://innovation.cms.gov/initiatives/Transforming-Clinical-Practices/> ; <http://www.healthcarecommunities.org/CommunityNews/TCPI/PTNMap.aspx>

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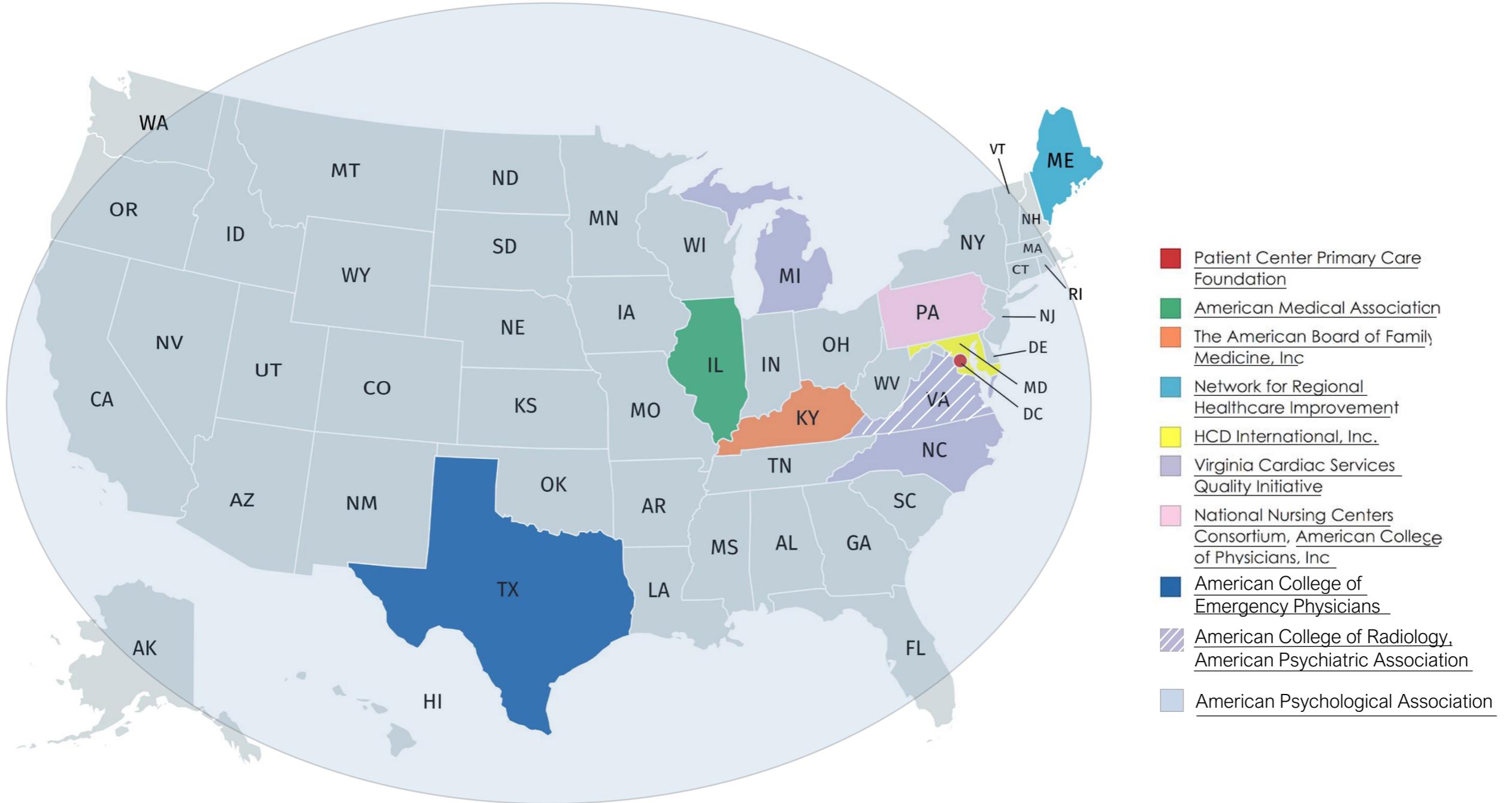


- QEs**
- California Healthcare Performance Information System
 - Center for Improving Value in Health Care
 - Greater Detroit Area Health Council
 - HealthInsight
 - Maine Health Management Coalition Foundation
 - Midwest Health Initiative
 - Minnesota Community Measurement
 - Oregon Health Care Quality Corporation
 - The Health Collaborative
 - Virginia Health Information
 - Wisconsin Health Information Organization
 - Amino, FAIR Health, Health Care Cost Institute, OptumLabs

Source: <https://www.cms.gov/Research-Statistics-Data-and-Systems/Monitoring-Programs/QEMedicareData/index.html?redirect=/qemedicaredata/>

Support and Alignment Networks

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2017 QPP Measure Stewards

A measure steward is an individual or organization that owns a measure and is responsible for maintaining and serving as the point of contact for the measures.

Agency for Healthcare Research & Quality
American Academy of Allergy, Asthma, and Immunology
American Academy of Dermatology
American Academy of Neurology
American Academy of Ophthalmology
American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons
American Academy of Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery
American Academy of Sleep Medicine
American Association of Hip and Knee Surgeons
American College of Cardiology
American College of Cardiology Foundation
American College of Emergency Physicians
American College of Gastroenterology
American College of Radiology
American College of Rheumatology
American College of Surgeons
American Gastroenterological Association
American Heart Association
American Medical Association - Physician Consortium for Performance Improvement
American Podiatric Medical Association
American Psychiatric Association
American Psychological Association

American Society of Anesthesiologists
American Society of Breast Surgeons
American Society of Clinical Oncology
American Society for Radiation Oncology
American Thoracic Society
American Urogynecologic Society
Audiology Quality Consortium
Center for Quality Assessment and Improvement in Mental Health
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
College of American Pathologists
Focus on Therapeutic Outcomes, Inc.
Health Resources and Services Administration
Infectious Diseases Society of America
Minnesota Community Measurement
National Committee for Quality Assurance
National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization
Renal Physicians Association
Society of Interventional Radiology
Society of Thoracic Surgeons
Society for Vascular Surgeons
The Heart Rhythm Society
Wisconsin Collaborative for Healthcare Quality
American Society of Plastic Surgeons

All quality measures used in MIPS under the QPP have a measure steward. To obtain this information, refer to the measure specifications on the CMS website that corresponds with your selected measure and reporting mechanism. For questions about a particular MIPS quality measure, contact the QPP Service Center by phone at (866) 288-8292 or by email at QPP@cms.hhs.gov, or contact the measure steward. For questions about non-MIPS quality measures used by QCDRs for the MIPS program, contact the QCDR vendor.

MACRA & QPP Resource Centers

PAI State Medical Societies & Associations

[Texas Medical Association](#)
[North Carolina Medical Society](#)
[Nebraska Medical Association](#)

[Tennessee Medical Association](#)
[South Carolina Medical Association](#)
[California Medical Association](#)

[Connecticut State Medical Society](#)
[Medical Society of the State of New York](#)
[Medical Association of Georgia](#)

National Specialty Societies

[Medical Society of the State of New York](#)
[AMDA-The Society for Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine](#)
[American Academy of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology](#)
[American Academy of Dermatology](#)
[American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine](#)
[American Academy of Family Physicians](#)
[American Academy of Neurology](#)
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[American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation](#)
[American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists](#)
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[American College of Cardiology](#)
[American College of Gastroenterology](#)
[American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians](#)
[American College of Physicians](#)

[American College of Radiology](#)
[American College of Rheumatology](#)
[American College of Surgeons](#)
[American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists](#)
[American Gastroenterological Association](#)
[American Geriatrics Society](#)
[American Osteopathic Association](#)
[American Psychiatric Association](#)
[American Society for Radiation Oncology](#)
[American Society of Anesthesiologists](#)
[American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery](#)
[American Society of Clinical Oncology](#)
[American Society of Echocardiography](#)
[American Society of Nuclear Cardiology](#)
[American Urological Association](#)
[International Society for the Advancement of Spine Surgery](#)
[Infectious Diseases Society of America](#)
[Society of Hospital Medicine](#)

National Medical Associations

[American Medical Association](#)
[Medical Group Management Association](#)

[American Osteopathic Association](#)

Multiple societies and associations offer resource centers to help their members learn about MACRA and the QPP. Visit your state association, national specialty society, and/or national association online for more information.