



**Midwest
Kidney Network**

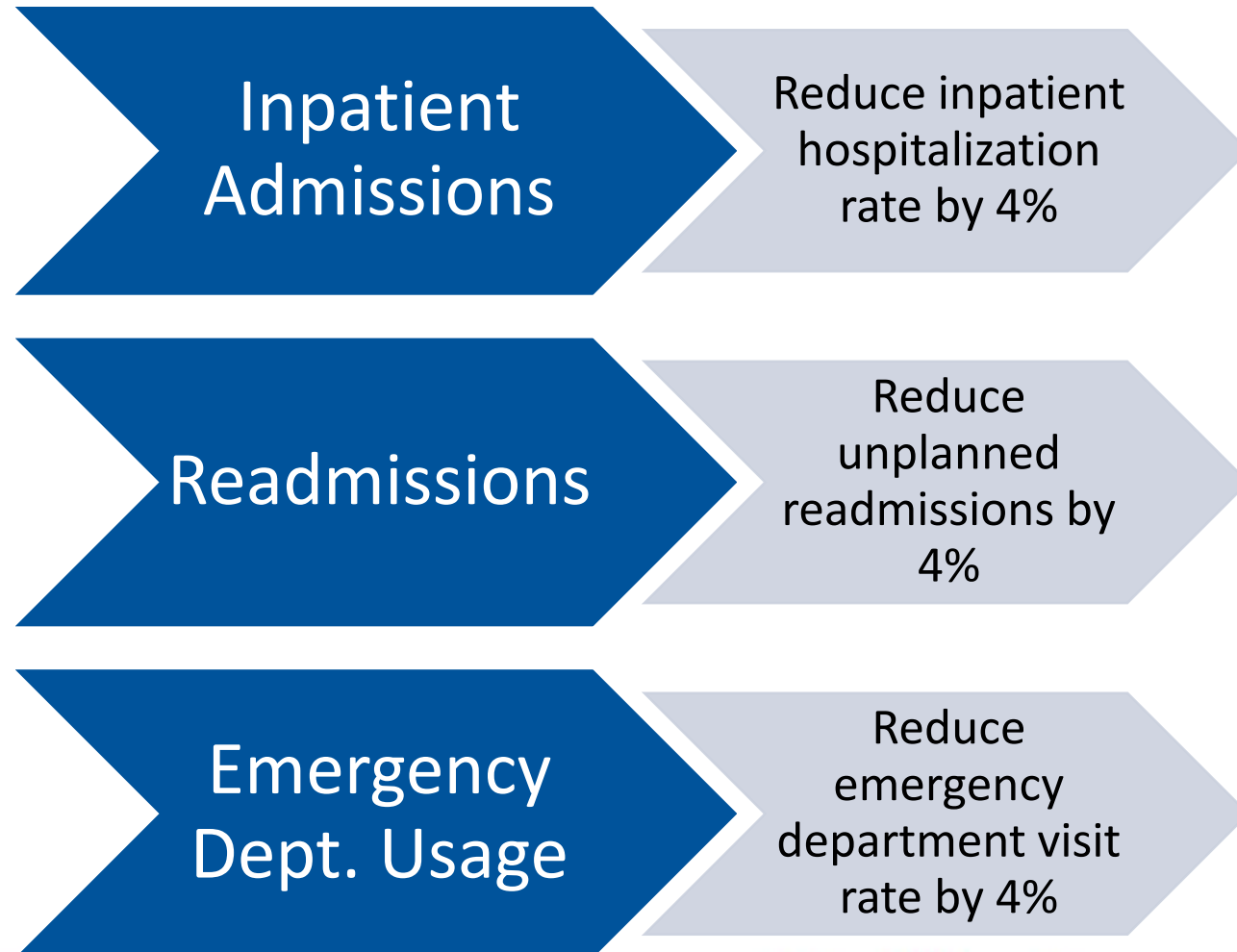
SUPERIOR HEALTH
Quality Alliance

Hospitalization Quality Improvement Project

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Hospitalization Project Goals May 2023 – April 2024



Next Steps:

1. Review the content of the slides
2. If notified for inclusion in cohort, follow next steps
3. Review the included tools and resources for your specific goal
4. Schedule a 1:1 coaching call to start the project work
5. Gather your team and identify project champions

Important Notes -

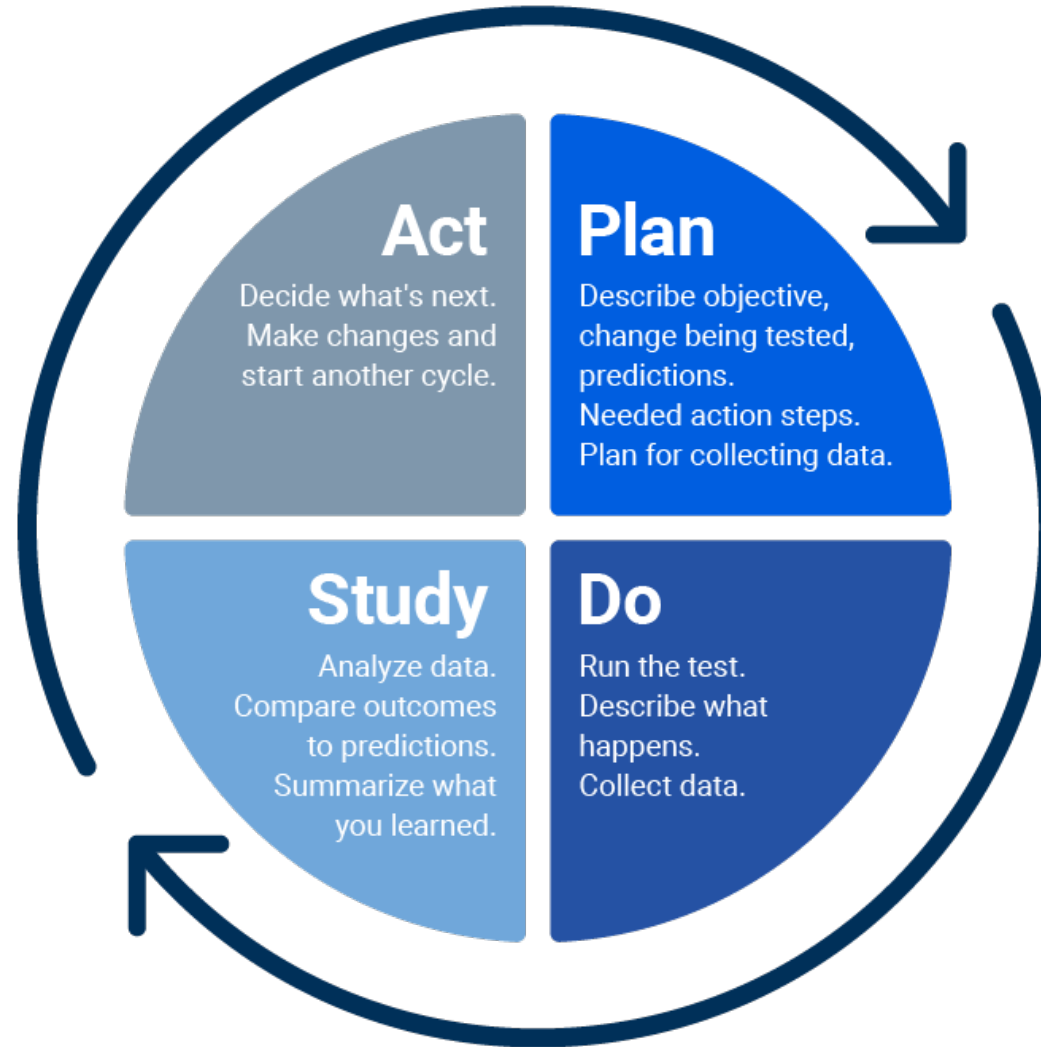
Only those hospitalizations, readmissions, and emergency department visits on the Medicare claim with a primary diagnosis code from the following list is counted in the data for the purposes of the Network hospitalization project

Primary Diagnosis Code List

All Network facilities are included in all projects, but each quarter, several facilities will be selected for inclusion in a cohort work group for guided project activity for a specific Network goal.

PDSA Cycle for 1st Cohort: June 2023 – September 2023

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processes, please reach
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Inpatient Hospital Admissions

- Primary cause of hospitalization in the Network is Sepsis
 - **Sepsis is the primary diagnosis code in 25% of all hospitalizations**
- The cohort group working on reducing hospitalizations will be focused on reducing **Sepsis** hospitalizations
- Complete a root cause analysis on Sepsis hospitalizations from previous year (data provided by the Network)
- Utilize Network Sepsis Resource Toolkit to plan interventions in your facility
- Complete monthly communication with the Network regarding progress through 4-month PDSA cycle

Unplanned Readmissions

- The cohort group working on reducing unplanned readmissions will be focused on improvement in transitions in care processes
- Complete the Dialysis Facility Transitions in Care Assessment
- Review assessment findings and Dialysis Transitions in Care Resource Toolkit – identify a strategy for implementation
- Complete monthly communication with the Network regarding progress through 4-month PDSA cycle

Emergency Department Utilization

- Primary cause of emergency department usage in the Network is vascular access complications
 - **Vascular access complications are the primary diagnosis code in 22% of all hospitalizations**
- The cohort group working on reducing emergency department visits will be focused on vascular access management, as well as access monitoring, assessment, and prevention of complications
- Complete a root cause analysis on emergency visits coded for vascular access complications (data provided by the Network)
- Complete monthly communication with the Network regarding progress through 4-month PDSA cycle

Tools and Resources

Hospitalization	Readmissions	Emergency Department Usage
<u>Network Toolkit</u>	<u>Network Toolkit</u>	<u>Network Toolkit</u>
<u>Hospitalization Change Package</u>	<u>Hospitalization Change Package</u>	<u>Hospitalization Change Package</u>
<u>Sepsis Resources</u>	<u>Forum Transitions in Care Toolkit</u>	
	<u>Transitions in Care Assessment Tool</u>	
	<u>Readmissions/Transitions in Care Resources</u>	

Thank you for your dedication to this important work!

Questions?

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