



**Nursing Home Quality Care Collaborative (NHQCC):** CMS-directed 18-month collaborative led by HSAG that includes education on using data to drive rapid cycle, small tests of change. Participation is voluntary and open to all Arizona NHs. NHs choose focus areas for quality improvement projects. CMS requires participating NHs to work on the reduction of the use of unnecessary antipsychotics in residents with dementia and completion of the Quality Assurance performance Improvement (QAPI) Self-Assessment. For information, visit <http://www.hsag.com/aznursinghomes/nhqcc.aspx>.

**CMS National Partnership to Improve Dementia Care in Nursing Homes/AZ Coalition:** National CMS-sponsored initiative to reduce antipsychotic medications in nursing homes by 15 percent by December 31, 2012. The AZ Coalition is a group of stakeholders that actively meets to work on person-centered care approaches and strategies to assist NHs with these reduction efforts.

**Advancing Excellence (AE) in America's Nursing Homes Campaign:** A national steering committee leads this Campaign, which is focused on making NHs better places to live, work, and visit. The Campaign provides free, practical, evidence-based resources to NHs related to quality improvement in clinical and operational focus areas. One such resource is the AE Readmissions Tracking Tool, which is being used by many NHs and hospitals in Arizona to review hospital readmission rates. For information, visit [www.nhqualitycampaign.org](http://www.nhqualitycampaign.org).

**Interventions to Reduce Acute Care Transfers (INTERACT) 3.0:** Supported by a grant from the Commonwealth fund, INTERACT is a quality improvement program that focuses on the management of acute change in resident condition. It includes clinical and educational tools and strategies for use in every day practice in NHs. The goal of INTERACT is to improve care and reduce the frequency of transfers to the hospital. Nine individuals in Arizona are trained as INTERACT trainers. AHCA and LeadingAge Arizona are hosting a training boot camp in the summer of 2013. For information on INTERACT, visit <http://www.interact2.net/index.aspx>.

**Quality Assurance Performance Improvement (QAPI):** Established under the Affordable Care Act, QAPI is a data-driven, proactive approach to improving the quality of life, care, and services in NHs. This requirement will eventually replace the current F520 regulation for NHs. QAPI is the foundation for all NHQCC quality improvement activities. For more information, visit <http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Provider-Enrollment-and-Certification/SurveyCertificationGenInfo/Policy-and-Memos-to-States-and-Regions-Items/Survey-and-Cert-Letter-13-05.html>.

**No Place Like Home Campaign:** An 18-month Campaign focused on reducing avoidable hospital readmissions statewide. Through the Campaign, providers within their geographic community come together to share strategies and best practices and develop ongoing relationships to enhance communications so patient care transitions are effective and safe. For more information, visit [www.noplacelikehomeaz.com](http://www.noplacelikehomeaz.com).