



## Why was the LTQA created?

The LTQA was formed to respond to the increasing demand for long-term services and support and the expanding field of providers who are delivering that care. The Alliance will work to make sure that the 11 million people who need long-term services and supports in the United States receive the highest quality of care regardless of where that care is delivered.

## How is it governed?

The Alliance is governed by a broad-based board comprised of 30 of the nation's leading experts on long-term care related issues. The board has representation from consumers and family caregivers, providers, health service and researchers, evaluators and quality experts, private and public purchasers of care, foundations, think tanks, and agencies of the federal government that oversee aging issues and health care quality issues.

## What are its Goals?

The LTQA wants to identify and foster quality measures that reflect what is important to consumers and family caregivers receiving long-term services and supports and position providers to apply best practices to enhance quality of life, improve care, and reduce costs. The Alliance will focus initially on how to improve transitions in care and avoid unnecessary hospital admissions among frail and chronically ill people receiving long term services and supports. These are two areas that offer great promise for improving quality, consumer experiences, and efficiency, as well as reducing costs.

## Who should join?

Organizations and advocates interested in improving the quality of long-term care services and supports should become a member of the Alliance. Members will partner with each other and the board to shape the goals and strategic agenda essential to accelerate quality improvement in long term care. Membership also affords access to evidence-based practices, and lessons learned from demonstrations and other activities sponsored by the LTQA.

## LTQA Mission

To improve the effectiveness and efficiency of care and the quality of life of people receiving long-term services and supports by fostering person- and family-centered quality measurement and advancing innovative best practices.

## How can the LTQA make a difference?

The LTQA can work to make advancements in the quality of life of people receiving long-term services and supports by:

- Facilitating dialogue and partnerships among all provider organizations that serve people needing long-term services and supports to help break down the provider silos in which quality initiatives have occurred.
- Bringing consumers and family caregivers together with LTC providers and government agencies to agree on goals and associated measures of greatest concern.
- Making stronger links between quality measurement goals and evidence-based practices to achieve them?
- Collaborating with other quality improvement organizations on common priorities and goals.