



New Recommendations Aim to Improve Quality and Affordability of Health Care

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"As a supporting organization of Stand for Quality, a diverse coalition of more than 165 organizations from across the spectrum of health care, the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) is pleased to announce the coalition's recommendations to improve the quality and affordability of health care for all patients through a public-private partnership."

"The recommendations build on existing improvement efforts and aim to harness the energies of the public and private sectors to enhance the quality of health care – ensuring reform not only expands coverage, but also improves the care patients receive. Stand for Quality proposes: setting national priorities and providing coordination for quality improvement; endorsing and maintaining nationally standardized measures; developing measures to fill gaps in priority areas; ensuring that providers and other stakeholders have a role in developing policies on use of measures; collecting, analyzing, and making performance information available and actionable, and supporting a sustainable infrastructure for quality improvement."

"Stand for Quality's recommendations build on work already underway to create an integrated infrastructure that will equip health care providers and consumers with the knowledge to make informed decisions."

"Our Association recognizes the important role quality improvement must play in health care reform and it is for this reason APTA has joined Stand for Quality."

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