

2009 IOWA HEALTHCARE
PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

TRANSFORMATION OF HEALTHCARE



Both nationally and in Iowa in 2009, healthcare transformation has been a key theme. The Iowa Healthcare Collaborative has been playing a pivotal role in shaping that transformation. Whether engaged in policy discussion at the state or federal levels, chairing working groups to develop statewide clinical improvement initiatives, or delivering training to equip healthcare providers for the future of the system, IHC has been integrally involved in healthcare transformation efforts in Iowa. For example:

- IHC has long been a leader in advancing the work to reduce healthcare-associated infections. Our initiatives have led to demonstrable improvements in the healthcare environment, including a nearly 80% immunization rate among healthcare workers - among the highest rate in the country.
- IHC is leading a statewide Cardiovascular Task Force that is charged with developing a statewide strategy. IHC has also co-sponsored a state-level policy discussion with the Concord Coalition and the University of Iowa College of Public Health focusing on developing an understanding of Iowa's outstanding health system performance.
- IHC launched an effort, which trained 170 Iowa physicians and their staff, to become patient-centered medical homes. The Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH) model raises the standard of care delivered by primary care providers, which is "accessible, continuous, comprehensive, family-centered, coordinated, compassionate and culturally effective".

Efforts like these to improve the quality of Iowa's healthcare system

are making a substantial impact on the health of Iowans. The most recent Commonwealth Fund state scorecard ranks Iowa 2nd in the U.S. across key dimensions of health system performance. Iowa continues to lead transformation efforts. Our research shows that:

- Reductions in infections associated with coronary artery bypass graft surgery between 2007 and 2008 have resulted in approximately 400 fewer days in Iowa hospitals for these patients.
- Reductions in infections associated with the use of central-line devices alone saved approximately \$250,000 in 2008.

The Iowa Healthcare Collaborative is proud of the work being done to transform care for Iowans. This transformation occurs in true partnership with Iowa hospitals, physicians, employers, regulators, insurers and other stakeholders. Together, we are making Iowa's already good healthcare even better.

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