

## California Alignment for Hospital Quality (Cal HQ)

### Fact Sheet

#### About Cal HQ

Cal HQ unites efforts across California hospitals, health plans, and purchasers to improve healthcare quality for ALL Californians. Over the next several years, Cal HQ aims to elevate patient care—with a focus on HAIs to start—unlock the power of data by accelerating digital quality measure collection and utilization and build a network of excellence enabling innovation through collaboration across the healthcare industry.

- In late 2024, Covered California, CalPERS, and Cal Healthcare Compare came together around a shared vision to improve hospital quality for ALL Californians through a statewide framework alignment. That vision, and the mechanism to carry it forward, led to the creation of Cal HQ
- Cal HQ builds upon the decade long, statewide effort to reduce unnecessary C-sections and the more recent, regional health plan efforts to engage hospitals around quality in the Los Angeles area.
- While statewide hospital improvement collaboratives are not new, Cal HQ's cross-sector collaboration is unprecedented!
- Cal HQ's initial focus will be on reducing Healthcare-Associated Infections (HAIs), with a goal of preventing 2,000 infections over two years. This improvement will save approximately 120 lives and \$64 million. We invite hospitals and health plans to use their own data to determine which of the following HAIs to focus on: [Clostridioides difficile infections \(CDI\)](#), [Catheter-associated Urinary Tract Infection \(CAUTI\)](#), [Central line-associated Blood Stream Infection \(CLABSI\)](#) [Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus \(MRSA\)](#)
- With a statewide program infrastructure in place, we envision expanding our focus to additional measures (such as care transitions and sepsis), increasing data transparency, supporting health equity, and creating pathways to sustain the gains.
- The [Cal HQ Steering Committee](#) provides strategic guidance, ensures industry alignment, promotes Cal HQ's purpose and activities, and advises on statewide scaling and dissemination efforts.
- Visit <https://calhq.calhospitalcompare.org/> for more information