

# National Priorities Partnership

## FACT SHEET



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## ABOUT THE PARTNERSHIP

The National Priorities Partnership is the right people coming together at the right time, committed to real action that will transform the nation's healthcare system. The 28 Partner organizations have significant influence over healthcare, uniquely positioning them to improve America's health and healthcare system. The Partnership has a vision for world-class, affordable healthcare and is transforming healthcare from the inside out.

### Why Now?

We're experiencing an economic and healthcare crisis. The number of uninsured is growing. The health of our population is declining. Stubborn disparities in care persist. Unless America rethinks and revamps its healthcare system—and fast—our global eminence and domestic social and economic well-being will continue to slip away.

### How Does It Work?

The Priorities that the Partners have targeted for improvement are proven ways to eliminate harm, waste, and disparities. The Partners in this vanguard coalition have shed their own self-interests to not only agree to a core set of National Priorities and Goals but also to take action to achieve specific, measurable progress— including action in the areas of payment, public reporting, quality improvement, and consumer engagement.

### Watch Our Progress

The goals set by the National Priorities Partnership are ambitious. Many of the answers and breakthroughs required to achieve these goals do not yet exist. Our path will be paved with the best science and evidence available, and our progress will be continuously monitored and evaluated to ensure that we are on track to deliver safer, more affordable, and effective care.

#### WHO ARE THE PARTNERS?

The 28 National Priorities Partnership represents key healthcare stakeholders from the public and private sectors.

AARP  
AFL-CIO  
Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality  
The Alliance for Pediatric Quality  
America's Health Insurance Plans  
American Board of Medical Specialties  
American Nurses Association  
AQA  
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services  
Certification Commission for Healthcare Information Technology  
Consumers Union  
Hospital Quality Alliance  
Institute for Healthcare Improvement  
Institute of Medicine  
The Joint Commission  
Leapfrog Group  
National Association of Community Health Centers  
National Business Group on Health  
National Committee for Quality Assurance  
National Governors Association  
National Institutes of Health  
National Partnership for Women & Families  
National Quality Forum  
Pacific Business Group on Health  
Physician Consortium for Performance Improvement  
Quality Alliance Steering Committee  
U.S. Chamber of Commerce

# National Priorities: The Vision

The National Priorities and Goals were selected because they collectively and individually address four major challenges—eliminating harm, eradicating disparities, reducing disease burden, and removing waste—that are important to every American.

## **PATIENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT: Engage patients and families in managing their health and making decisions about their care.**

We envision healthcare that honors each individual patient and family, offering voice, control, choice, skills in self-care, and total transparency, and that can and does adapt readily to individual and family circumstances, and differing cultures, languages, and social backgrounds.

## **POPULATION HEALTH: Improve the health of the population.**

We envision communities that foster health and wellness as well as national, state, and local systems of care fully invested in the prevention of disease, injury, and disability—reliable, effective, and proactive in helping all people reduce the risk and burden of disease.

## **SAFETY: Improve the safety and reliability of America’s healthcare system.**

We envision a healthcare system that is relentless in continually reducing the risks of injury from care, aiming for “zero” harm wherever and whenever possible—a system that can promise absolutely reliable care, guaranteeing that every patient, every time, receives the benefits of care based solidly in science. We envision healthcare leaders and healthcare professionals intolerant of defects or errors in care, and who constantly seek to improve, regardless of their current levels of safety and reliability.

## **CARE COORDINATION: Ensure patients receive well-coordinated care within and across all healthcare organizations, settings, and levels of care.**

We envision a healthcare system that guides patients and families through their healthcare experience, while respecting patient choice, offering physical and psychological supports, and encouraging strong relationships between patients and the healthcare professionals accountable for their care.

## **PALLIATIVE AND END-OF-LIFE CARE: Guarantee appropriate and compassionate care for patients with life-limiting illnesses.**

We envision healthcare capable of promising dignity, comfort, companionship, and spiritual support to patients and families facing advanced illness or dying, fully in synchrony with all of the resources that community, friends, and family can bring to bear at the end of life.

## **OVERUSE: Eliminate overuse while ensuring the delivery of appropriate care.**

We envision healthcare that promotes better health and more affordable care by continually and safely reducing the burden of unscientific, inappropriate, and excessive care, including tests, drugs, procedures, visits, and hospital stays.