

Partnership for Patients.

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Launched in 2011, the Partnership for Patients plans to invest approximately \$1 billion total in an effort to decrease preventable harm in United States hospitals. Its emphasis on partnerships (between government, provider organizations, payers, and patients) echoes certain Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI) [campaigns](#), developed by Medicare director Dr. Donald Berwick while he led IHI. The Partnership focuses on skill building, demonstration projects, and collaboratives. Through 2019, the Hospital Improvement and Innovation Networks will work to achieve a 20% decrease in overall [patient harm](#) and a 12% reduction in 30-day hospital [readmissions](#) as a population-based measure from the 2014 baseline. In September 2015, the program awarded \$110 million to 17 national, regional, or state hospital associations and health system organizations. CMS estimates that 2.1 million fewer patients were harmed and nearly \$20 in health care costs were saved from 2010 to 2014. Medicare hopes these recent monetary awards will continue to drive this momentum on improving patient safety.

This project has now ended.