

Combined impact of Medicare's hospital pay for performance programs on quality and safety outcomes is mixed.

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[Pay-for-performance](#) (P4P) strategies have been used by federal agencies to [incentivize](#) high quality care and reduce medical errors. This study used 2007 to 2016 inpatient discharge data from 14 states to compare rates of inpatient quality indicators and [patient safety indicators](#) before and after the implementation of the Medicare's P4P program. Analyses identified limited improvement in quality and patient safety indicators.