

## How payers can help hospitals become safer through value-based programs.

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Despite widespread adoption of value-based care (VBC), also known as [pay-for-performance](#), its impact on patient safety is [inconsistent](#). This article outlines one VBC program which includes more than 700 hospitals. In contrast to some other programs, the VBC program bases the overall score on nationally-normalized safety measures and does not penalize lower-performing hospitals. [Lower-performing](#) hospitals receive extra financial support and are rewarded for year-over-year improvement.