Common QI Acronyms

MBQIP - Medicare Beneficiary Quality Improvement Project

QNet Security Administrator - The person designated in your facility to access the secure side of QualityNet who has gone through the registration process to receive a user id by completing a notarized form and sent it to KFMC for processing

QualityNet - www.qualitynet.org, the website that houses the QIO Clinical Data Warehouse and provides information on all the CMS driven data initiatives. The only CMS-approved website for secure communications and healthcare quality data exchange between: quality improvement organizations (QIOs), hospitals, physician offices, nursing homes, end stage renal disease (ESRD) networks and facilities, and data vendors.

FLEX - The Rural Hospital Flexibility Program (Flex) provides funding to state governments to spur quality and performance improvement activities; stabilize rural hospital finance; and integrate emergency medical services (EMS) into their health care systems.

CART - CMS Clinical Abstraction and Reporting Tool, the software program used for data abstraction that hospitals can download and use at no cost

HQA - Hospital Quality Alliance, public-private collaboration that represents diverse stakeholders including hospitals, health professionals, government agencies, quality experts, purchasers, and consumer groups. The HQA is committed to making meaningful, relevant, and easily understood information about hospital performance accessible to the public via Hospital Compare and to informing and encouraging efforts to improve quality.

HCAHPS - The hospital consumer assessment of healthcare providers and systems is a standardized survey instrument and data collection methodology for measuring patients' perspectives on hospital care. It can be viewed as a core set of questions that can be combined with a customized set of hospital-specific items.

HOP QDRP - The Hospital Outpatient Quality Reporting (OQR) Program is a quality data reporting program implemented by the Centers of Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) for outpatient hospital services.