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**Superior Health to Provide Hospital Quality Improvement Services for
the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services**

Madison, WI, October 27, 2020 – The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has awarded a four-year contract to IPRO to serve as a Hospital Quality Improvement Contractor (HQIC) within its Network of Quality Improvement and Innovation Contractors (NQIIC). Within that contract, Superior Health Quality Alliance (Superior Health) will serve hospitals in Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin.

HQICs will provide targeted quality improvement assistance to small, rural and critical access hospitals and those hospitals that have been identified by CMS as requiring technical assistance. CMS has directed HQICs to use innovation to drive results and to implement data-driven quality improvement interventions to assist hospitals in ensuring the safety and quality of care delivered to all Medicare beneficiaries.

HQICs will partner with the targeted hospitals to help address needs such as infection control, pandemic readiness and response, a concerted response to the opioid epidemic and patient safety.

“We are proud to partner with a nationally recognized Quality Improvement Organization, IPRO. We are excited to provide continued support to improve the quality of care with hospitals and health systems in our region,” said Tania Daniels, MBA, Chief Executive Officer for Superior Health.

About Superior Health Quality Alliance: Superior Health Quality Alliance is comprised of eight member organizations – all with long track records of success driving achievement of Medicare quality improvement goals. Member organizations include the [Illinois Health and Hospital Association](#), [MetaStar](#), [Michigan Health & Hospital Association](#), [Midwest Kidney Network](#), [Minnesota Hospital Association](#), [MPRO](#), [Stratis Health](#) and the [Wisconsin Hospital Association](#). Our diverse capabilities and commitment to excellence form a comprehensive quality improvement organization dedicated to collaborative approaches to improve the health of the communities we serve. Learn more at www.superiorhealthqa.org.

For more information on hospital quality improvement, please visit www.cms.gov.

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