



# Washington State Hospital Association

## Patient Safety Program

Since 2005, the Washington State Hospital Association Patient Safety Program is achieving results through data and transparency so that all hospitals in the state can share best practices and address issues of safety and quality. These efforts have made Washington a national leader in improving health care delivery. Federal funding has been essential to advancing key initiatives and is helping us achieve the triple aim of health care. We urge continued congressional investment in patient safety and care quality.

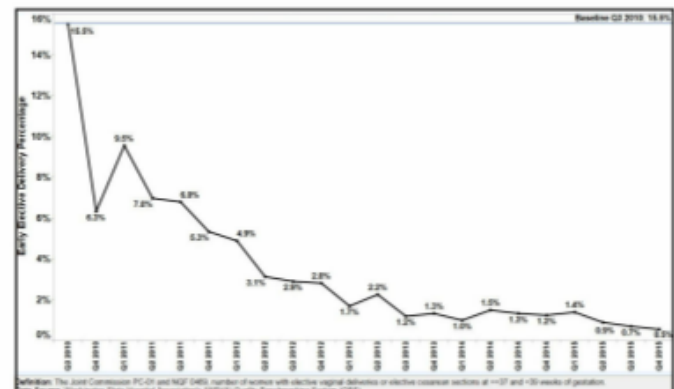
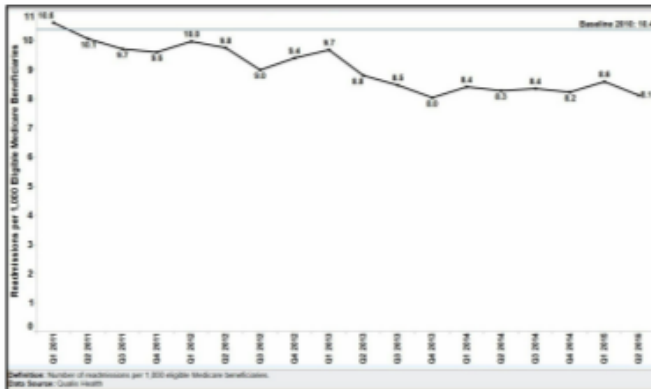
### Patients are Getting Better, Faster

Washington hospitals are making great strides in safety with

**{ 40,600 Fewer Harms }**

**{ 19,000 Fewer Readmissions }**

**{ 5,000 Fewer Early Deliveries }**



**22%**  
reduction in readmissions

**50%**  
reduction in catheter-associated urinary tract infections

**17%**  
reduction in serious pressure ulcers

**36%**  
reduction in hospital deaths due to sepsis

**97%**  
reduction in early elective deliveries

### Reducing Cost

**\$354 Million**

saved overall through reductions, fewer harms and other ongoing practices

**\$34 Million**

savings through ER is for Emergencies, which coordinates care between settings

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