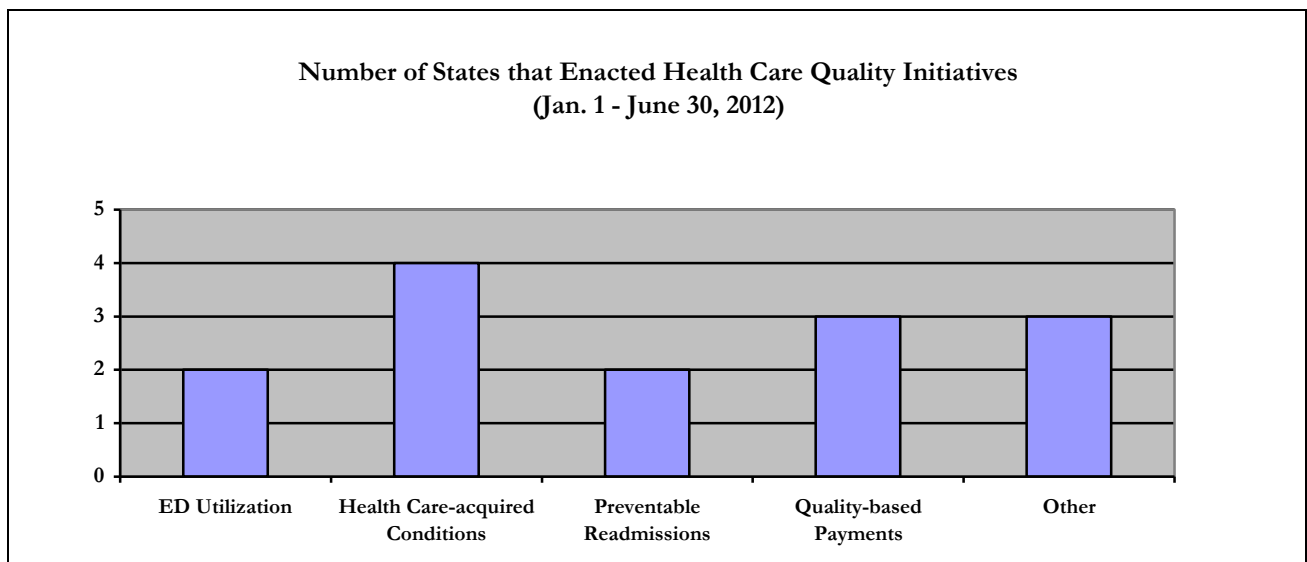


Initiatives to Improve Health Care Quality

Eight states enacted legislation related to health care quality, including four states that enacted legislation related to health care-acquired conditions.



Enacted Legislation Affecting Health Care Quality			
State	Issue	Bill Number	Summary
FL	Health care-acquired conditions	H 5001	Prohibits Medicaid reimbursement for preventable hospital errors
IL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health care-acquired conditions • Preventable readmissions • ED utilization • Quality-based payments 	S 2840	Prohibits payment for hospital admissions resulting from a hospital-acquired condition and directs the state to establish benchmarks and a performance-based payment system for hospitals' reduction of preventable readmissions, inpatient complications and unnecessary emergency department (ED) visits

This chart is intended to illustrate trends in **enacted state legislation** that impacts children's health care and children's hospitals; the information provided in this document does not reflect all state actions on a selected issue.

KY	Other	H 265	Requires the state to collect information from hospitals on charges, quality, and outcomes, and make the information available to the public on the agency's website
MA	Other	S 2112	Requires the state to review network adequacy, cost and quality-effectiveness of insurance products for children
MA	Health care-acquired conditions	H 4144	Prohibits Medicaid reimbursement for health care-associated infections or serious reportable events
MN	Preventable readmissions	S 1543	Provides Medicaid coverage of community paramedic services for beneficiaries who have received hospital emergency services three or more times in four consecutive months or who have been identified as someone for whom these paramedic services could prevent hospital admission/readmission
MN	Preventable readmissions	H 2294	Covers pediatric care coordination under Medicaid for children with high-cost conditions who are at risk of recurrent hospitalizations
OH	Quality-based payments	H 487	Requires the inclusion of quality factors and incentive payments in modifications of the hospital inpatient reimbursement methodology
UT	Health care-acquired conditions	H 55	Authorizes the state to access hospital data on health care-associated infections and publicly report on the data to allow for comparisons of facilities
UT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other • Quality-based payments 	H 98	Authorizes 12-month continuous eligibility for Medicaid beneficiaries if the state determines that it would increase quality of care and be cost-effective. Authorizes the use of incentives in Medicaid managed care contracts to encourage beneficiaries to seek appropriate care in appropriate settings.
WA	ED utilization	H 2127b	Requires the state and stakeholders to develop best practices to reduce unnecessary ED usage and achieve a 12 percent reduction in ED expenditures in FY 2013. If a specified number of hospitals do not adopt the best practices, the state may implement a nonpayment policy for medically unnecessary emergency room visits.