

Proposed Mission Statement for BEACON
Best Evidence for Advancing Childhealth in Ohio, NOW!

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The mission of BEACON is to improve the quality and outcomes of health care for children in Ohio with a special emphasis on Medicaid-eligible children, youth, and their families. To do so requires projects targeted to important health issues, the establishment of a sustainable, quality improvement infrastructure; and collaboration.

By 2016, our aims are to:

1. Provide a common forum for communication for quality, safety, finance and policy improvement of child health care in Ohio.
2. Align BEACON projects with “meaningful use” and the quality measurement requirements of the electronic health record incentive program.
3. Provide an opportunity to share learning experiences and data, as well as the human, community, or practice change that accompanies this improvement.
4. Provide a forum for assessment, evaluation and discussion of federal and state child health policy.
5. Provide expertise and perspective, and review quality methods associated with Medicaid quality improvement projects.

Emphasis will be placed on issues that are timely, are supported with external funding and are likely to result in sustainable change. Priority will be given to projects that have or intend to have a statewide focus.

NOTES:

- Once the mission is revised/adopted, we should review/revise the membership of the Council.
- Goals of Meaningful Use:
 - i. Improving quality, safety & efficiency of care, while reducing disparities
 - ii. Engaging patients and families in their care
 - iii. Promoting public and population health
 - iv. Improving care coordination
 - v. Promoting the privacy and security of EHR's