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## CMS Transparency Initiative

### Four cornerstones:

- Increase transparency in pricing
- Increase transparency in quality
- Encourage adoption of health information technology
- Provide options that promote quality and efficiency in health care

## Deficit Reduction Act of 2005

- Authorized CMS to implement Hospital VBP program by year 2009
- Must consider:
  - Measures
  - Data infrastructure and validation
  - Incentive structure
  - Public reporting
- Must consult with relevant stakeholders

## CMS VBP Initiatives

- Hospital VBP by 2009
- Home Health P4P Demonstration (2007)
- Physicians
  - PVRP → PQRI → Physician P4P

## Physician P4P— A Potential Timeline

- 2006: Voluntary reporting and performance feedback
- 2007: Pay-for-reporting
- 2008: P4P for quality
- 2009: P4P for efficiency
- Timetable not fixed
  - Congressional actions would modify

## CMS Hospital VBP Program Goals

- Improve clinical quality
- Reduce adverse events and improve patient safety
- Encourage more patient-centered care

## CMS Hospital VBP Program Goals

(continued)

- Avoid unnecessary costs in the delivery of care
- Stimulate investments in effective structural components or systems
- Make performance results transparent and comprehensible

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