



# A Roadmap to Meaningful Health Care Quality Measurement

## PART 1 OF IMPLEMENTING HEALTH SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT

### PREAMBLE

During the 2020 election season, the Council of Accountable Physician Practices urged political candidates at all levels to focus on three critical health policy issues.<sup>1</sup> These issues – or platforms – can support a better health care delivery system and should be at the top of every politician's health care agenda:

- **VALUE-BASED PAYMENT**
- **ROBUST AND COORDINATED USE OF HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**
- **IMPROVED AND HARMONIZED QUALITY MEASUREMENT AND REPORTING**

In this brief, the first in a three-part series entitled "Implementing Health System Improvement," the physician leaders of CAPP provide more detailed guidance to newly-elected officials and members of the administration about how to move forward on one of these issues: quality measurement and reporting.

### KEY POINTS

- Quality measurement and reporting are foundational to achieving a health-care system that is higher-quality as well as more efficient and patient-centered than what most Americans experience today. However, the uncoordinated growth of quality measurement initiatives has created multiple parallel systems with hundreds of measures that place an unsustainable burden on health care providers. Information produced by these systems does not contribute meaningfully to improved health and wellbeing and is not easily understood by consumers.
- A more meaningful quality measurement system would have two key characteristics, compared to today's current systems: fewer measures and better measures, focusing on clinical areas where there is good evidence that improvements in performance translate into improvements in health.