

# Help Medicare Make Health Care Better in Minnesota! Become a Health Care Advisor

# Are you a Medicare beneficiary, family member, or caregiver? Want to make a difference in the way health care happens in Minnesota?

Stratis Health, part of Lake Superior Quality Innovation Network (QIN), is seeking Medicare beneficiaries, family members, or caregivers to join our Medicare Health Care Advisory Council.

Advisors will contribute their knowledge, experience, and perspective to foster a Minnesota health care environment that is safe, person-centered, and focused on prevention and wellness. Lake Superior QIN works to achieve national quality improvement goals as part of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Quality Improvement Organization (QIO) Program.

#### What is a Medicare health care advisor?

#### A health care advisor is a Medicare beneficiary, family member, or caregiver who works with us to help improve the quality of care for all patients and family members. You will:

- Share your experiences with health care.
- Participate in monthly Medicare Health Care Advisory Council meetings.
- Volunteer your time (usually 1-2 hours per month).

### What does the Medicare Health Care Advisory Council do?

- Discuss and recommend changes to improve health care quality and safety to meet the needs of Medicare patients.
- Bring the perspective of Medicare beneficiaries to doctors, nurses, and others in health care so they understand what it means to be a patient and what we all can do to improve care.
- Review and help create informational materials so they are easier for all patients and family members to understand and use.

#### Qualifications

You must be a Medicare beneficiary, family member, or caregiver of a Medicare beneficiary to be an advisor. You do not need any other special qualifications. What's most important is your experience with health care and a desire to make health care better. We will provide you with any training you need.

## Become a Medicare health care advisor.

To request an application or more information, contact Jenna Kornberg at 952-853-8583, jkornberg@stratishealth.org.