



# General Guiding Principles

The state should strive to identify quality measures for the Medicaid program that:

- promote improvements in the delivery and outcomes of patient care.
- are based on evidence-based science or a standard of care but flexible enough to accommodate new knowledge.
- distinguish aspects of care that are under the health care provider's control.
- are appropriately risk-adjusted when used for provider comparisons to avoid penalizing providers for factors influencing outcomes that are beyond their control.
- align with federal and state policy goals, and consistent with those employed by CMS, whenever feasible.
- are derived from existing data sets.



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Quality-based payment approaches in the New York State Medicaid program should:

- rely on measures that are supported by an evidence-base or standard of practice.
- be driven by quality metrics, not budget objectives.
- align and incentivize provider responsibilities across the continuum.
- provide positive incentives for reaching improvement targets over time and for high achievement.
- support and align with priorities of state and federal policies.