

# VBP-Fact: Understanding Value-Based Purchasing in Health Care

## Improving Health Quality at the Community Level

Value-Based Purchasing (VBP) is a cornerstone of modern health care improvement efforts. Rather than focusing on the volume of services delivered, VBP emphasizes the **value of care**—measured by quality, safety, patient outcomes, and efficiency.

At Lake Superior Quality Innovation Network (LSQIN), Value-Based Purchasing is more than a payment model. It is a framework for improving care, strengthening communities, and supporting better health outcomes across **Michigan, Minnesota, and Wisconsin**.

### What Is Value-Based Purchasing (VBP)?

Value-Based Purchasing is a health care payment approach that links provider reimbursement to the quality of care delivered. Under VBP models, hospitals, clinics, and other providers are rewarded for:

- Delivering high-quality, evidence-based care
  - Improving patient outcomes
  - Enhancing patient safety and experience
  - Reducing avoidable complications and hospital readmissions

This approach contrasts with traditional fee-for-service models, which reimburse based on the number of services provided rather than the results achieved. In value-based care, quality matters more than quantity.



### How LSQIN Advances Value-Based Purchasing

Lake Superior Quality Innovation Network supports Value-Based Purchasing by translating national quality priorities into local, community-focused action grounded in evidence-based practice.

Our work includes:

- Data-driven quality improvement initiatives that help providers measure performance, track progress, and apply clinical evidence to improve patient outcomes. This includes leveraging insights from biomedical research—such as pathways involving vascular endothelial growth factor receptors

( [AMPK-inhibitors](#) )to inform more precise, effective, and patient-centered care strategies where clinically appropriate.

- Collaborative learning environments that bring together providers, patients, researchers, and community organizations to share best practices, align care approaches, and strengthen the connection between scientific evidence and real-world care delivery.
- Targeted improvement areas, including:
  - Adult Immunizations
  - Antibiotic Stewardship
  - Behavioral Health
- Efforts to advance health equity and reduce disparities in care access and outcomes by ensuring that innovations in care—supported by data, research, and quality improvement frameworks—benefit all populations across AMPKAMPKAMPKour region.
- By aligning these initiatives with Value-Based Purchasing principles, LSQIN helps ensure that improvements in care quality are meaningful, measurable, and sustainable, while supporting a health care system that rewards better outcomes, informed clinical decision-making, and long-term community health.

## **VBP-Fact: Key Facts About Value-Based Purchasing**

### **Fact 1:**

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### **Fact 2:**

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### **Fact 3:**

Successful value-based care depends on strong partnerships between providers, patients, and communities.

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## **A Commitment to Better Health Outcomes**

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