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MANDATE TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF HEALTH CARE

Quality of care is defined as the degree to which health services for individuals and populations increase the likelihood of desired health outcomes and are consistent with current professional knowledge. The Institute of Medicine's National Roundtable on Health Care Quality (NRHCQ) recently issued a consensus statement mandating the urgent need to improve health care quality. Problems to be corrected in both managed care and fee-for-service environments were identified as: the underuse, misuse, overuse, and geographic variation in the rates of use of health services; generalist and specialist physician training, the composition of the non-physician health workforce; and the effect of the organization of medical services as a determinant of quality.

The NRHCQ was funded in part by the Agency for Health Care Policy and Research/DHHS. The Roundtable comprised 20 representatives in medicine, nursing, academia, business, consumer advocacy, health media and federal health programs who met from 1996 through 1998. The four major strategies advocated to move the health care delivery system toward quality improvement were: regulation, continuous quality improvement, marketplace competition, and payment incentives.

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CHILD ABUSE AS A FACTOR IN SUBSTANCE ABUSE

Child abuse consists of neglect, physical abuse, emotional abuse, victimization and sexual abuse. The literature indicates that child abuse may be a factor that contributes to psychopathology, including substance abuse disorders. Statistics suggest that early incidents of child abuse often result in substance abuse later in life. Research indicates that the exact relationship between child abuse and substance abuse is difficult to determine when considering the role variables such as poverty, gender and family dysfunction play. Not all child abuse victims become substance abusers. NIDA-funded researchers are probing the links between child abuse and later substance abuse in hope of: preventing abused children from becoming substance abusers and designing better treatments for substance abusers who report being abused as children.

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Managed care organizations refer to health plans that use a variety of management tools, such as second opinions, preadmission certification, and utilization review to manage health care delivery. The literature indicates that an estimated 90 million Americans or one out of

every three people in the United States are affected by one or more chronic conditions. The Agency for Health Care Policy and Research has teamed with the American Association of Health Plans and the Health Resources and Services Administration to award six research teams a total of \$8.5 million over the next three years to study how particular managed care policies affect the quality of care for patients with chronic illness.

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The International Foundation Directory is a compilation of over 1500 international foundations, trusts, and other non-profit institutions. It provides current and comprehensive information on foundation activities in over 100 countries. The entries are arranged alphabetically by country and contains the associated institution name, functional statement, finances, publications, phone number and key executives. The directory includes:

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- International Telephone Codes
- Currencies and Exchange Rates
- A Select Bibliography
- An Index of Foundations
- An Index of Main Activities

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