Stratis Health Timeline

1974

FHCE becomes a Medicare Professional Standards Organization for the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA)

1984

The Foundation begins its first Peer Review Organization (PRO) scope of work under contract with HCFA

1997

FHCE becomes Stratis Health after Health Outcomes
Institute is merged into the organization

2000

Rural health improvement emerges as an organizational priority

2003

Stratis Health leads implementation of Minnesota's groundbreaking adverse health events law to prevent avoidable medical errors

2008

The Culture Care Connection (CCC) online learning and resource center launches to support health care professionals in providing "culturally competent" care

2009

The shift accelerates toward community becoming our "unit of action" to build bridges to equitable, sustainable health and health care

2011-2014

Co-led the Reducing Avoidable Readmissions Effectively (RARE) campaign, receiving the John M. Eisenberg Patient Safety and Quality Award for Innovation

2014-2019

Led Lake Superior Quality Innovation Network (LSQIN) data-driven initiatives to increase patient safety and improve clinical quality

2017

Minnesota Alliance for Patient Safety (MAPS) becomes a subsidiary of Stratis Health

2018

Superior Health Quality Alliance joint venture formed with seven partner organizations to carry out Medicare's quality programs

2020-2021

Improvement work pivots to address challenges related to the COVID-19 pandemic

2022

Statewide and national work as an implementation partner to address the rapidly growing opioid crisis accelerates

•····· 1971

Established as the Foundation for Health Care Evaluation (FHCE) to oversee quality of care for Medicare consumers

•····· 1980-2000

FHCE engages in a variety of high-profile quality assurance and quality improvement projects

•····· 1992

FHCE becomes a Quality Improvement Organization (QIO), the next iteration of HCFA's PRO program

····· 1999

Expanded quality improvement work from hospitals and clinics to include nursing homes and home health agencies

······ 2002

Performance Improvement Projects (PIPs) begin to improve the health of state public program members and reduce disparities for low-income Minnesotans

····· 2007

Stratis Health launches Building Healthier Communities small grant awards program

•····· 2008-2019

Co-led national training and technical assistance for QIOs, as Quality Improvement Organization Support Center (QIOSC) and National Coordinating Center (NCC)

•····· 2010-2016

Served as one of the most effective in adopting/optimizing electronic health records (EHRs) of the nation's 62 Regional Extension and Assistance Center for HIT (REACH)

• 2014

Stratis Health began work to address the opioid crisis

•····· 2015-2023

Stratis Health led the National Rural Quality Improvement Technical Assistance (RQITA) program

•····· 2017-2018

Release of Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) Estimator to help clinicians succeed in the CMS (formerly HCFA) Quality Payment Program (QPP)

······ 2020

Incorporates implementation science helps solve complex problems and bring promising practices to scale

······ 2021

Expands health equity work to improve care for underserved populations by building bridges between health care and community