

demographic variables, such as age categories, race/ethnicity and gender, but it does not include any geographic identifiers.

- On May 25 CMS published a [blog](#) announcing a Request for Proposal for Hospital Improvement and Innovation Networks (HIINs) in order to continue progress towards a safer health care system. The HIINs, which will be part of the Quality Improvement Organization initiative, will continue the good work started by the Hospital Engagement Networks under the Partnership for Patients initiative.
- CMS will host the following free educational call, [registration](#) is required:
 - Physician Compare Initiative Call on Jun 16 at 1:30 pm ET.