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## **ACE-I Change Package Developed**

(Name of hospital) is proud to be a member of the Arizona Hospital Workgroup (HoW) in partnership with Health Services Advisory Group, Inc. (HSAG)—our state’s Quality Improvement Organization (QIO)—and other Arizona hospitals. HoW was formed with the intent of strengthening a healthy working relationship among hospitals in our state.

HoW members, including (name of hospital), have been quite successful in driving and facilitating quality improvement activities in Arizona. In fact, in 2003, we helped produce a *Pneumonia Change Package*, which was designed to help impact the pneumonia quality indicator, “Antibiotic Within Four Hours of Admission.” This package helped us develop and use interventions, based on many hospitals’ ideas and experiences, to appropriately prescribe antibiotics to patients admitted with pneumonia.

(Name of hospital) and other Arizona hospitals have been working hard to produce another useful intervention in 2004: the *ACE Inhibitor Change Package*. This change package will assist Arizona hospitals with improving their results for the quality indicator “Prescription of ACE-I at Discharge for Patients with Acute Myocardial Infarction and Heart Failure.” HoW participants shared what worked well and barriers that were encountered when implementing interventions. Interventions developed by (name of hospital) are included in the *ACE Inhibitor Change Package*.

(Name of hospital) and HoW are confident that these interventions will help us more effectively treat our patients. If you would like to learn more about HoW and the *Ace Inhibitor Change Package*, visit <http://acute.hsag.com/>.