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Myth: Entities are required to develop Quality Management Plans (QMPs) for all CMS/HCBS Quality Framework focus areas, regardless of what local data indicate.

Fact: Entities **are not** required to develop QMPs for all CMS/HCBS Quality Framework focus areas.

Before identifying improvement projects, entities should…

➢ Collect/monitor/analyze their local data routinely, from all available sources (e.g., QA&I, EIM, HCSIS, IM4Q, ad hoc spreadsheets or logs, etc.), using *ODP's QM Data Monitoring & Analysis Template*, or similar tool.

➢ Consider their key organizational factors/areas:
   o High Risk—Have the potential for serious negative outcomes for individuals
   o High Volume—Affect a large percentage of the population served
   o Problem Prone—Processes/procedures known to impede effective/efficient functioning

➢ Use their data related to person-centered outcomes and *ISAC Recommendation* areas and/or *CMS performance measures*, for example:
   o Reducing # of pressure injuries
   o Increasing # of people who have community-integrated employment (CIE)

If their local data indicate multiple areas in need of improvement, an entity may need to prioritize its efforts.

Prioritization keeps projects manageable and promotes wise use of resources.

Remember: QMPs are unique (customized) for each entity, based on local data analysis.