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Createspace, United States, 2014. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book \*\*\*\*\* Print on Demand \*\*\*\*\*.The U.S. health care system continues to face challenges in improving the safety and quality of health care, ensuring access to care, increasing value for health care, reducing disparities, increasing the use of health information technology, and finding new avenues for translating research into practice. As reflected in the 2007 National Health Care Quality Report and National Healthcare Disparities Report, the rate of quality improvement appears to be slowing. Overall, the quality of health care improved by an average of 1.5 percent per year between the years 2000 and 2005. This represents a decline when compared with the 2.3 percent average annual rate between 1994 and 2005. Quality in some areas has improved such as counseling to quit smoking. There has been some progress in reducing disparities as reflected in the elimination of the disparity between the rates of black and white hemodialysis patients who had adequate dialysis and reduced disparities in childhood vaccinations. However, measures of patient safety showed an average annual improvement of only 1 percent. As 1 of 12 agencies within the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), the...



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