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DATE: September 1, 2023

TO: Critical Access Hospitals

FROM: Minnesota Flex Program

SUBJECT: MBQIP Quality Measure Updates

The Medicare Beneficiary Quality Improvement Project (MBQIP) was created to improve the quality of care provided in critical access hospitals by increasing quality data reporting through rural relevant quality measures and then planning quality improvement activities based on the data. Following an open comment period, the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy (FORHP) recently announced proposed updates to the core MBQIP measures. The proposed updates are listed below.

Attend the MBQIP Open Call for MN CAHs on October 5, 2023 at 1:00 PM if you have questions or wish to provide feedback to FORHP about these changes.

- [Registration link for the MBQIP Open Call for MN CAHs](#)

The proposed core measure set has 5 topic areas with 12 individual measures, 6 existing and 6 new (in bold below). Retired CMS measures were removed, making room for additions to address care coordination, safe use of opioids and global CAH quality domain.

## Updates to the MBQIP Core Measures

Global Measures	Patient Safety	Patient Experience	Care Coordination	Emergency Dept.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>CAH Quality Infrastructure Implementation (new)</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Hospital Commitment to Health Equity (new)</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Healthcare Personnel Influenza Immunization (existing)</li> <li>▪ Antibiotic Stewardship Implementation (existing)</li> <li>▪ <b>Safe Use of Opioids eCQM (new)</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (HCAHPS) (existing)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Hybrid All-Cause Readmissions (new)</b></li> <li>▪ <b>SDOH Screening (new)</b></li> <li>▪ <b>SDOH Screen Positive (new)</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Emergency Department Transfer Communication (EDTC) (existing)</li> <li>▪ OP-18 Time from Arrival to Departure (existing)</li> <li>▪ OP-22 left without being seen (existing)</li> </ul>

Participation in CAH quality improvement will continue to be a priority of the Flex Program. Technical assistance is available to CAHs through grant funding to the following organizations:

- For assistance related to MBQIP core measures, reach out to Senka Hadzic ([shadzic@stratishealth.org](mailto:shadzic@stratishealth.org)).
- For general information contact the Flex Program at [health.flex@state.mn.us](mailto:health.flex@state.mn.us).

## 2023 MBQIP PROPOSED UPDATES

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