



Iowa Flex Quality Improvement

Rural Hospital Medicare Flexibility Program

Through the Flex Program, eligible critical access hospitals are able to participate in activities and programs aimed at quality improvement, financial and operational improvement, and population and community health at no cost.

Currently, activities and programs are offered by the Iowa Health and Human Services, HomeTown Health, and Compass Healthcare Collaborative.





Participation in the Flex Program

Submitting Medicare Beneficiary Quality Improvement Project (MBQIP) data is the only requirement for critical access hospitals to participate in the Flex Program.

MBQIP reporting requirements change from year-to-year, and hospitals will be notified of any changes to requirements. If critical access hospitals meet the MBQIP reporting requirements, they are automatically able to participate in Flex Program activities.

Starting in calendar year 2025, hospitals will collect data to report on the updated MBQIP core measure set as part of the Flex Program.

MBQIP Core Measures include 12 measures across the following categories:

-  Global Measures
-  Patient Experience
-  Patient Safety
-  Care Coordination
-  Emergency Department

MBQIP Domains

MBQIP requirements are based on submission of data in the following MBQIP domains.

- ▶ National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN)
- ▶ Emergency Department Transfer Communication (EDTC)
- ▶ Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (HCAHPS)
- ▶ Hospital Quality Reporting (HQR) System



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