MBQIP Open Call for Minnesota Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs)

January 15, 2025

1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Welcome! We are glad you are here!

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Today's Discussion

- MBQIP Updates
  - Data Submission Deadlines
  - CART Tool
  - Updates on Submission Deadlines for Hospital-Wide Readmissions Measures and Safe Use of Opioids

- Quality Newsletter

- **Topic Spotlight:**
  - Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services (CLAS)

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MBQIP Updates

MBQIP Core Measure Set

Global Measures	Patient Safety	Patient Experience	Care Coordination	Emergency Department
CAH Quality Infrastructure Implementation*	Healthcare Personnel Influenza Immunization*	Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (HCAHPS)	*Hybrid All-Cause Readmissions**	Emergency Department Transfer Communication (EDTC)
Hospital Commitment to Health Equity*	Antibiotic Stewardship Implementation*		*Social Determinants of Health (SDOH) Screening**	OP-18 Time from Arrival to Departure
	Safe Use of Opioids (eCQM)*		*SDOH Screen Positive**	OP-22 Left without Being Seen*

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Nine measures are reported annually (* denotes annual submission)
Three measures are reported quarterly (HCAHPS, EDTC, OP-18)

Update on CAH Infrastructure Measure

- Congratulations! MN CAH Reporting Rate for 2024 was at 94% (an increase from 92% in 2023)
- This data will help state Flex Program assess the supports that CAHs will need to advance your efforts.
- During the upcoming calls, we will be reviewing the overall MN results with you and on specific areas.

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MBQIP Data Reporting Upcoming Due Dates

- **EDTC Q4 2024 due January 31, 2025 (MHA Portal)**
- **OP-18 Q3 2024 due February 1, 2025 (Hospital Quality Reporting)***
- Population and Sampling is **optional but encouraged.**

***NEW CART for DATA ABSTRACTION AVAILABLE**

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How to make sure your HQR data submission was accepted and not rejected

After your data is submitted you should get confirmation that the data was received. To check and make sure the data was accepted and not rejected, run the Case Status Summary Report. This report is run from the Hospital Quality Reporting portal. To Run the Case Status Summary Report:

1. Log in to HQR via your HARP account.
2. Under the **Dashboard** on the left-hand side of the screen, select **Data Results** and **Chart Abstracted**.
3. Select the **File Accuracy** tab.
4. Under **Program** chose **OQR** (Outpatient Quality Reporting).
5. Under **Report** select **Case Status Summary**.
6. Under Encounter Quarter select the quarter for the data you have just submitted.
7. Click on **Export CSV**. Your report will appear in an Excel format showing the number of cases that made it to the warehouse for each measure submitted and the number accepted and/or rejected.

If your Case Status Summary Report shows that cases have been rejected, run the Submission Detail Report. This report will show you why your cases have been rejected. Correct the errors and resubmit those cases. Follow the above steps but select **Submission Detail** as your report.

If your Case Status Summary Report shows no data fits the criteria, then the data you submitted did not make it to the warehouse. Something must have gone wrong with your submission so try again.

Do not wait until right before the data due date to submit and check on your data. If you have rejected cases, you will want to have time to correct the errors and resubmit. Once the due date has passed, no further data will be accepted for the quarter.

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NEW CART TOOL AVAILABLE

- The CMS Abstraction and Reporting Tool (CART) - Outpatient 1.25.0 is available for download:
  – Select the Hospitals – Outpatient card on the home page of QualityNet.
  – On the Hospitals-Outpatient page, select Data Management and then select CMS Abstraction & Reporting Tool (CART) under Data Collection.
  – To install this new version, you must "uninstall" any previous versions of Outpatient CART from your server or desktop client. To install a new CART, you will need to select "initial installation".
- **This CART version must be used for encounter dates 07-01-24 through 09-30-24.**

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What's Different in New CART

- This release contains updates to support the Sex Data Element changes as listed in Specifications Manual 17.0a.
- Details of the new Sex Data Elements are listed below:
  - Sex Assigned at Birth – Required
  - Sexual Orientation – Voluntary
  - Gender Identity – Voluntary

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Update on Submission Deadlines for Hospital-Wide Readmissions Measure

- The HHWR measure's first reporting deadline for MBQIP has moved to October 1, 2026, for encounter period data for July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026.
  - This change aligns MBQIP with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid (CMS) reporting changes to the IQR program for this measure.
  - Hospitals are still encouraged to report this measure as soon as possible and may report it by the October 1, 2025 deadline if they choose.

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Update on Submission Deadlines for Safe Use of Opioids Measure

- For CAHs participating in the Medicare Promoting Interoperability Program, please note that CMS has extended the deadline for submitting electronic clinical quality measure (eCQM) data for the calendar year (CY) 2024 reporting period:
  - The deadline has been extended from Thursday, February 28, 2025, to March 14, 2025, at 11:59 p.m. Pacific Time (PT).

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Topic Spotlight: Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services (CLAS)

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What is CLAS?

- Culturally and linguistically appropriate services (CLAS) are health care services tailored to an individual's culture and language preferences.
- Implementing CLAS means providing effective, equitable, understandable, and respectful quality care and services that are responsive to diverse cultural health beliefs and practices, preferred languages, health literacy, and other communication needs.
- Ultimately reduces health disparities and advances health equity.

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What are the CLAS Standards?

- The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services established 15 CLAS Standards to guide CLAS implementation.
  - Principal Standard
  - Governance, Leadership, and Workforce
  - Communication and Language Assistance
  - Engagement, Continuous Improvement, and Accountability

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MN Flex CLAS Learning and Action Network

- Kicking off in Spring 2025
- No-cost learning and action network (LAN) to support Minnesota CAHs meaningful implement and embed CLAS into their work
- Watch for more information about this opportunity and how to register a team in the coming months

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Next Steps

- Next MBQIP Open Call is on April 9, 2025 from 1:00 – 2:00 pm.
  - Registration: Meeting Registration – Zoom
- 1:1 MBQIP check in calls coming up in January and February
- Monthly Quality Connect Newsletter – let us know if you are not receiving this and would like to be added to the list
- Stratis Health MBQIP website: Minnesota Critical Access Hospital Reporting and Improvement Assistance - Stratis Health
- We are here to support you. Questions: Jodi Winters at jwinters@stratishealth.org.

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