

MBQIP Open Call for Minnesota Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs)

September 17, 2025

1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Welcome! We are glad you are here!



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Today's Discussion

- MBQIP Updates and Reminders
 - SDOH-1 and SDOH-2 Removed
 - Data Submission Deadlines
 - MBQIP Reports
 - Resources
- 2025 CAH Quality Inventory and Assessment
- Open Discussion and Questions

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Chat Introductions

- Name | Role | Facility
- Favorite sign of Fall



MBQIP Updates and Reminders

Social Drivers of Health (SDOH) Measures Removed

Per guidance from the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy, the SDOH Screening (SDOH-1) and Screen Positive (SDOH-2) measures have been removed from the MBQIP Core Measures Set to align with changes from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).

This means CAHs are no longer required to collect or report the data for these measures as part of MBQIP.

Ongoing SDOH Support

While reporting of the SDOH measures is no longer required for MBQIP, Stratis Health remains available to support facilities with efforts related to setting up screening and referral processes for health-related social needs and social drivers of health. Check out the [Minnesota CAH SDOH and HRSN Toolkit](#) for additional resources.

Updated MBQIP Core Measure Set

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

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

MBQIP Data Reporting Upcoming Due Dates

- **2025 CAH Quality Infrastructure Implementation**
 - Due November 21 (National CAH Quality Inventory and Assessment)
- **Hybrid Hospital-Wide Readmissions Q3 2024-Q2 2025**
 - Due October 1, 2025 (HQR)
- **HCAHPS Q2 2025**
 - Due October 8 (HQR)
- **EDTC Q3 2025**
 - Due October 31 (MHA Portal)
- **OP-18 Q2 2025**
 - Due November 3 (HQR)

Upcoming Reporting Due Dates

Measure ID	Description	MBQIP Domain	Reported To	Encounter Period:			
				Q1 / 2025 Jan - Mar	Q2 / 2025 Apr - Jun	Q3 / 2025 Jul - Sep	Q4 / 2025 Oct - Dec
CAH Quality Infrastructure	CAH Quality Infrastructure Implementation	Global Measures	FMT via online survey	National CAH Quality Inventory and Assessment Submission window: September 15, 2025 - November 21, 2025			
HCP/ IMM-3	Influenza Vaccination Coverage Among Health Care Personnel	Patient Safety	NHSN	May 15, 2025 (Q4 2024 - Q1 2025 data)	N/A	N/A	May 15, 2026 (Q4 2025 - Q1 2026 data)
Antibiotic Stewardship	Implementation of the Core Elements of Antibiotic Stewardship	Patient Safety	NHSN	Mar 1, 2026 (CY 2025 data)			
Safe Use of Opioids	Safe Use of Opioids	Patient Safety	HQR Secure Portal	March 2, 2026 (CY 2025 data)			
HCAHPS	Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems	Patient Experience	HQR via Vendor	July 9, 2025	October 8, 2025	January 14, 2026	April 8, 2026
Hybrid HWR	Hybrid Hospital-Wide Readmissions	Care Coordination	HQR Secure Portal	Hospitals are encouraged to report October 1, 2025 (Q3 2024 - Q2 2025 data)		October 1, 2026 (Q3 2025 - Q2 2026 data)	
EDTC	Emergency Department Transfer Communication	Emergency Department	MN Hospital Association Portal	April 30, 2025	July 31, 2025	October 31, 2025	February 2, 2026
OP-18	Median Time from ED Arrival to ED Departure for Discharged ED Patients	Emergency Department	HQR Secure Portal	August 1, 2025	November 3, 2025	February 2, 2026	May 1, 2026
OP-22	Patient Left Without Being Seen	Emergency Department	HQR Secure Portal	May 15, 2026 (CY 2025 data)			

MBQIP Reports

- [ShareFile - Sign In](#)
- Recently Distributed - HCAHPS Q4 2024
- Forthcoming - MBQIP 2025 Report 4

MBQIP Resources

[Minnesota Critical Access Hospital Reporting and Improvement Assistance Webpage](#)

New

- [MN CAH Quality Measure and Reporting Crosswalk](#)
(Created August 2025)

Updates

- [MBQIP Core Measure Set and Data Submission Deadlines](#)
(updated as of September 2025)
- [MBQIP Minnesota Quality Reporting Guide](#)
(updated as of September 2025)

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A Performance Monitoring Resource for Critical Access Hospitals, States, & Communities

2025 National Critical Access Hospital Quality Inventory & Assessment

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Assessment Background

With funding and support from FORHP, the Flex Monitoring Team (FMT) at the University of Minnesota is launching Year 2 of the CAH Assessment, a standardized mechanism for gathering information to:

- Assess **CAH quality improvement infrastructure**
- Better understand CAH **measurement and quality activities** across **different service lines**

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Assessment Purpose

Information captured can support quality activities at the following levels:

- **Hospital-level** – Provide state and national comparison information related to QI infrastructure, processes, quality activities, and measurement across different CAH service lines
- **State-level** – Provide timely, accurate, and useful CAH quality-related information to help inform technical assistance support for CAH improvement activities
- **National-level** – Provide hospital and state-specific information to help inform the future of MBQIP and national TA and data analytic needs

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Benefits of the Assessment for CAHs

CAHs will be able to:

- Assess their quality infrastructure across the core elements, and identify opportunities for improvement
- Benchmark and compare themselves to other CAHs in their state and nationally as it relates to quality infrastructure to set appropriate goals for improvement
- Work with State Flex Programs to identify peers in their state and nationally that have similarities or from whom they wish to learn more (e.g., those that share an EHR or HCAHPS vendor, those with a service line your CAH is considering adding, etc.)
- Receive more targeted technical assistance from their State Flex Program based on service lines, CAH volume, quality reporting, and other key needs and opportunities

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Assessment Year 2 Results

- 94% of CAHs nationally submitted the Assessment
- 93% of MN CAHs submitted
- SFPs now have access to a wealth of information about their CAHs
- See full [2024 National Report here!](#)

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Assessment Components

- Identification of Key CAH Characteristics
 - System ownership, volume metrics (ADC, ED, Swing Bed), EHR and HCAHPS vendors
- Assessment of CAH Quality Infrastructure
- Inventory of CAH Service Lines and Related Quality Measures

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Core Elements of CAH Quality Infrastructure



**Leadership
Responsibility &
Accountability**



**Quality Embedded
Within the
Organization's
Strategic Plan**



**Workforce
Engagement
& Ownership**



**Culture of
Continuous
Improvement
Through Systems**



**Culture of
Continuous
Improvement
Through Behavior**



**Using Data to
Improve
Quality**



**Engagement of
Patients, Partners,
& Community**



**Collecting
Meaningful
& Accurate Data**

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CAH Quality Infrastructure Measure

- Measure is part of MBQIP
- Specifications now available – <https://www.flexmonitoring.org/tool/cah-quality-infrastructure-resources>
- Data for this measure are now included in your quarterly MBQIP reports that you receive from your State Flex Program
- If you haven't received a report with your results, contact your State Flex Program

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What's New?

- Updated instructions
- A revised Quality Measures section is back
 - Only 6 questions
 - Prioritizing what measures/topics are useful
- Updated service lines to explicitly ask about providing services via telehealth
- Updated questions on Infrastructure, Accreditation
- Added questions on:
 - AIM bundles for CAHs providing L&D

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Assessment Resources

- [Assessment Resources](#)
 - Critical Access Hospital Fact Sheet
 - 2025 Assessment Questions and Instructions - PDF
 - 2025 Assessment Questions and Instructions – Word Document
 - 2025 Assessment Information Recording
 - 2024 Assessment National Report
- CAH Quality Infrastructure Measure Specifications–
<https://www.flexmonitoring.org/tool/cah-quality-infrastructure-resources>

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Assessment Year 3 Prep

- CAHs should find completed answers from their hospital's submission last year (2024)
 - Each hospital's quality contact listed in their submission, as well as the person submitting, received an email with a PDF of CAH's responses
 - Search for an email from "**fmtdata@umn.edu**" with "**Thank you for your response – 2024 CAH Assessment**" in the subject line

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Logistics

- Dates: September 15 – November 21, 2025
- Week of 15th – SFP will email CAHs with a link to the online portal for the Assessment
- By November 21st – CAHs should complete Assessment

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Reminders – Your CAH Should:

- 1) **Review** the Assessment Instructions and go through the Questions
 - 2) Work with your team to **gather** the answers
 - 3) Go to the online portal to submit answers – **only after you have gathered data**
- Estimated time to complete – 60 minutes to gather and submit data
 - May vary depending on experience, knowledge of facility, and quality initiatives, etc.
 - Confirmation – after submitting the Assessment online, CAH quality and submitter contacts will receive an email that includes the responses submitted

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Wrap Up

- The Assessment is essential, and its success depends on CAH participation – we're depending on you, and thank you in advance for all your help!
- Questions? Contact:
 - Megan Lahr at Flex Monitoring Team (FMT), lahrx074@umn.edu

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Minnesota vs. National Results

Figure 3: Percentage of CAHs Meeting Each Element

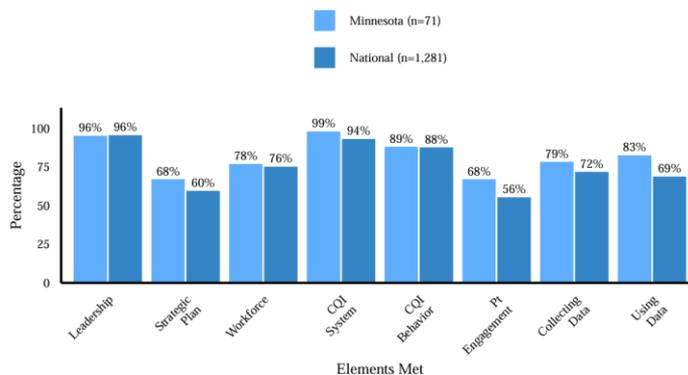


Chart from National CAH Quality Inventory and Assessment Minnesota - 2024 by FMT

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Minnesota 2023 vs. 2024 Results

Figure 4: Percentage of Minnesota CAHs Meeting Each Element, 2023 vs 2024

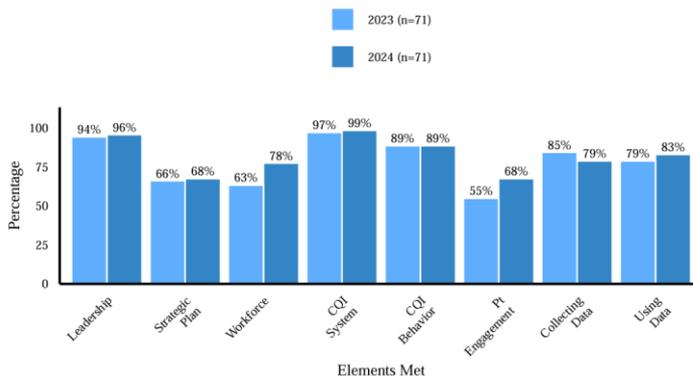


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Assessment Reminders and Resources

- **Live Link to the Assessment:** https://umn.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_4lag7pu0kPaH6zc
- There should be **no more than one** assessment completed and submitted at this link for your CAH, so it will be very important that one person coordinates the submission of your CAH's responses.
- It is highly recommended that the person coordinating the submission enter all your CAH's responses in a single session. You will receive a confirmation email with your responses after you submit.

Survey Due Date: November 21, 2025

Resources

- [CAH Quality Inventory & Assessment Resources | Flex Monitoring Team](#)
- [2025_Assessment_Instructions_final.pdf](#)
- [2025_Assessment_Instructions_word_final.docx](#)

Who To Reach Out to for Questions

- Questions about how to complete the Assessment:
 - Contact **Sarah Brinkman**, sbrinkman@stratishealth.org
- Questions about why your CAH should complete the survey:
 - Contact **Emma Distel**, MN Flex Program Coordinator, emma.distel@state.mn.us

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Close-Out Poll

Rate your level of agreement with the following :

1. This event provided content that will be useful in my job.
2. This session met or exceeded my expectations.



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Upcoming MBQIP Open Calls

All calls are on Wednesdays from 1-2:00 p.m. CT

- November 12, 2025 | [Register](#)
- January 14, 2026 | [Register](#)
- April 8, 2026 | [Register](#)
- July 8, 2026 | [Register](#)

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What Else?



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