



Quality Connect is a monthly newsletter from Stratis Health designed to support your critical access hospital (CAH), providing updates and resources related to quality reporting and improvement efforts. To share your feedback or request to have another team member added to the list, please contact Jodi Winters – jwinters@stratishealth.org.

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Reporting Reminders/Updates

Upcoming Reporting Deadlines

- CAH Quality Infrastructure submission window September 15- November 21, 2025
(via CAH Quality Inventory and Assessment)
- OP-18 Q2 2025 is due November 3, 2025 (via HQR)
- HCAHPS Q3 2025 due by January 14, 2026 (via vendor/HQR)
- EDTC Q4 2025 due by February 2, 2026 (via MHA Portal)
Populations and Sampling is optional but encouraged

For more information on submitting MBQIP measures, refer to the [MBQIP Minnesota Quality Reporting Guide](#). Additionally, consult the [2025 Core Measure Set and Data Submission Deadlines](#) for upcoming submission deadlines.

Reminder – 2025 National CAH Quality Inventory Assessment Due Nov. 21

The 2025 National CAH Quality Inventory and Assessment (“Assessment”) is now live with responses due by November 21, 2025. All CAHs are requested to complete the Assessment. Notably, the Assessment is also the only way for CAHs to submit the CAH Quality Infrastructure measure required for MBQIP. Survey responses must be submitted in the FMT-administered

Qualtrics platform via this link:

https://umn.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_4lag7pu0kPaH6zc. Those submitting the final response and those entered as quality contacts will receive a confirmation email with a PDF of responses after submission. It will take approximately 60 minutes to collect and complete the Assessment. Facilities are strongly encouraged to:

- Review and collect the information required for the Assessment using either the [PDF](#) or [Word format](#) of the assessment questions and instructions found on the [FMT CAH Quality Inventory & Assessment Resources webpage](#).
- Gather input from a variety of team members.
- Refer to the responses to your Assessment from last year. Your completed Assessment responses from last year were emailed to the individual who submitted your Assessment, as well as the Quality Contact listed in your facility's response, and the email subject was "Thank you for your response - 2024 CAH Assessment" from fmtdata@umn.edu.
- Enter all your responses in a single session, as responses may not be saved between sessions.

Between now and the November 21 deadline, primary CAH contacts will receive regular reminder emails from Jodi Winters. Once your CAH has completed the Assessment, you will no longer receive the reminders. Please reach out to Jodi Winters (jwinters@stratishealth.org) with any questions regarding the Assessment, and she will direct your questions to the appropriate person.

For more information about the Assessment, including its background, purpose, and use cases, please refer to the recording from the [September 17, 2025, MBQIP Open Call](#).

Resources

New Tool - Minnesota CAH Quality Measure and Reporting Crosswalk

The [Minnesota CAH Quality Measure and Reporting Crosswalk](#) is intended to provide users with a basic understanding of national and Minnesota-based quality reporting initiatives for critical access hospitals (CAHs), including the lead organization, purpose, and measures, as well as the overlap in measures across these initiatives. If you would like assistance using the tool, please reach out via email to jwinters@stratishealth.org, and we are happy to set up a time to review.

National Rural Health Day Toolkit

Thursday, November 20, 2025, is National Rural Health Day, and the Minnesota Department of Health has put together a [toolkit](#) containing everything you need to organize a memorable National Rural Health Day

event, no matter your timeline. It includes a quick-start guide, participation guide, activity sheets, email templates, community proclamation, social media templates, and more!

Upcoming Events

MBIQIP Open Call for MN CAHs | November 12, 2025, 1-2 p.m. CT

[Register](#)

Stratis Health hosts open discussion calls for Minnesota CAHs to support CAHs in submitting data for core MBQIP measures, sharing promising practices with other CAHs, and having a chance to ask questions of Stratis Health staff and each other. CAHs are encouraged to review their MBQIP reports ahead of the calls and come with questions.

This call will include a presentation from Superior Health Quality Alliance on its work as the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Quality Innovation Network – Quality Improvement Organization (QIN-QIO) for our region, as well as a discussion of the healthcare personnel influenza vaccination measure.

Past 2025 calls and registration [can be found on the Stratis Health website](#).

Contact

For support with your quality reporting and improvement needs, please contact Jodi Winters at jwinters@stratishealth.org.

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