



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](mailto:jwinters@stratishealth.org).

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## Reporting Reminders/Updates

### Upcoming Reporting Deadlines

- HCAHPS Q1 2026 due by July 8, 2026 (via HQR)
- EDTC Q2 2026 due by July 31, 2026 (via MHA Portal)
- OP-18 Q1 2026 due by August 3, 2026 (via HQR)
- Population and Sampling is optional but encouraged

For more information on submitting MBQIP measures, refer to the [MBQIP Minnesota Quality Reporting Guide](#). Additionally, consult the [MBQIP Core Measure Set and Data Submission Deadlines](#) for upcoming submission deadlines, now updated to reflect reporting for Q1 2026 through Q4 2026.

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## Resources

### Minnesota Rural Health Transformation Program Funding Opportunities

The Minnesota Department of Health recently announced additional funding opportunities for rural health care providers across several topic areas, including:

- RHTP Statewide Tele-buprenorphine Access Line

- RHTP Child and Adolescent Mental Health Initiatives
- RHTP Healthcare Workforce Retention Program

For more information about these and other funding opportunities, check out the [Rural Health Transformation Program Funding webpage](#). All projects described are pending a fully approved budget.

### **Updated MBQIP Core Measures Set and Data Submission Deadlines**

The update [MBQIP Core Measure Set and Data Submission Deadlines](#) resource includes an overview of the current MBQIP Core Measures by domain, as well as detailed data submission deadlines for encounter periods from Q1 2026 through Q4 2026.

### **Minnesota Office of the Medicaid Medical Director Requesting Feedback**

The Minnesota Department of Human Services Office of the Medicaid Medical Director (OMMD), in partnership with the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical School, is conducting a survey to understand how Minnesota Health Care Programs providers experienced the period of heightened federal immigration enforcement activity between December 2025 and February 2026. We are inviting providers to participate because your perspective as a health care professional is invaluable to the care Minnesotans receive.

Refer to the [Health care delivery during immigration enforcement activity in Minnesota](#) (PDF) for more information and complete the [Immigration Enforcement Activity - Provider Survey](#).

The survey closes June 26, 2026. No personally identifying information will be collected, and survey respondents will remain anonymous.

### **Partnership for Quality Measurement Committee Nominations Open Through June 1**

Battelle, a Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services certified consensus-based entity, is seeking individuals with health care expertise or lived experience to serve on the Partnership for Quality Measurement (PQM) committees supporting [Endorsement & Maintenance](#), [Pre-Rulemaking Measure Review](#), [Measure Set Review](#), and the [Scientific Methods Panel](#). Monday, June 1, is the last chance to [submit a nomination](#) until 2027. Any interested party may nominate themselves or another individual to a relevant committee.

### **[Critical Access Hospital Quality Improvement Resources](#)**

As a national leader in supporting Critical Access Hospital quality improvement, Stratis Health has developed a variety of tools and resources that help critical access hospital (CAH) leaders identify best practices and support the implementation of improvement strategies.

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## **Upcoming Events**

**MBIQIP Open Call for MN CAHs | July 8, 2026, 1-2 p.m. CT**  
[Register](#)

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

Additional 2026 calls and registration [can be found on our website](#).

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## Contact

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