



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

- Hybrid Hospital-Wide Readmissions Q3 2025-Q2 2026 due by October 1, 2026 (via HQR)
- HCAHPS Q2 2026 due by October 14, 2026 (via HQR)
- EDTC Q3 2026 due by October 30, 2026 (via MHA Portal)
- CAH Quality Infrastructure due by November 20, 2026 (via CAH Quality Inventory & Assessment)
- OP-18 Q2 2026 due by November 2nd, 2026 (via HQR)

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.

2026 Minnesota Rural Health Award Nominations

Who do you know who has made a significant contribution to improving the health of people in Minnesota? We want to hear about them!

Nominations are now open for the 2026 Minnesota Rural Health Awards. Please [make your nominations](#) in the following categories by Sept. 30:

- **Hero Award** - Nominate an individual
- **Team Award** - Nominate a team or group
- **Lifetime Achievement Award** - Nominate an individual

Nominees can have contributed to rural health in any capacity--in a career position or as a volunteer, as a health care provider or administrator, through policy development, or in practice.

Areas of impact could include, but are not limited to, healthcare and health programs, rural health policy, legislation, rural health equity, improved patterns of health care delivery, cooperative efforts, achieving efficiencies to avoid duplication of services, collaborative efforts to reach common goals, education, and lasting impact on people and areas served.

Minnesota's 2026 award recipients will be announced on [National Rural Health Day](#), Nov. 19. Visit [Minnesota Rural Health Awards](#) for more information and to read about the 2025 awardees.

For additional information, please contact health.orhpc@state.mn.us.

Resources

[Rural Health Value Summit Report: Rural Healthcare Information Technology and Value-Based Care](#)

Developed from a national convening of rural healthcare leaders, this report offers practical lessons and recommendations for leveraging health information technology (HIT) to support value-based care success. A key takeaway from participants: effective technology investments begin with people and processes, not technology alone.

Superior Health Quality Alliance Participant Reminder: Please Complete Your Provider Assessment

Stratis Health, a partner in [Superior Health Quality Alliance](#) (Superior Health) [QIN-QIO 13th Scope of Work](#) (13SOW), wants to remind all enrolled Minnesota CAHs to complete your [Provider Assessment](#).

Your responses help Superior Health understand your organization's strengths, challenges, and priorities so they can tailor the right level of quality improvement support and create your customized Quality Action Plan!

Upcoming Events

MBIQIP Open Call for MN CAHs

Registration is open for the MBQIP Open Calls. 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 asking questions of Stratis Health staff and each other. Please consider registering in advance to hold these times on your calendar. We will share more information about each call's focus closer to the event.

- November 4, 2026 | 1-2 p.m. CT - [Register](#)

- January 13, 2027 | 1-2 p.m. CT - [Register](#)
- April 7, 2027 | 1-2 p.m. CT- [Register](#)
 - July 7, 2027 | 1-2 p.m. CT - [Register](#)

Recordings of previous calls [can be found on our website](#).

Contact

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