

# Iowa Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility Program

Through the Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility (Flex) Program, eligible Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs) can participate in activities aimed at quality improvement, population health, and financial and operational improvement at no cost.



## Flex Program Areas



### QUALITY IMPROVEMENT (Required Area)



The quality improvement (QI) area includes Medicare Beneficiary Quality Improvement Project (MBQIP) data. Submitting MBQIP data is the only requirement for CAHs to participate in the Flex Program. CAHs that meet the MBQIP reporting requirements are automatically able to participate in Flex Program activities. Compass Healthcare Collaborative sends MBQIP reports to hospitals, provides data reporting technical assistance, hosts webinars and calls, offers live events related to quality improvement and leads targeted cohort projects for CAHs.

*CAHs must meet QI requirements to participate in Population Health and Financial & Operational Improvement activities.*



### POPULATION HEALTH



Compass Healthcare Collaborative and the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services provide Community Health Needs Assessment webinars and technical assistance for 501(c)3 CAHs. Technical assistance, implementation strategy planning, education, evaluation, and targeted cohort opportunities are also provided for CAHs.



### FINANCIAL & OPERATIONAL IMPROVEMENT



HOMETOWN  
HEALTH

HomeTown Health provides financial and operational improvement webinars, triage resources, live meetings, comparative dashboards, in-depth assessments and action planning, peer assistance and targeted cohort opportunities for CAHs.

For more information, scan the QR code or visit [hhs.iowa.gov/flexship](https://hhs.iowa.gov/flexship)



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