

## Iowa Flex Quality Improvement

The Rural Hospital Medicare Flexibility Quality Improvement (Flex QI) program works to enhance the quality of care provided by Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs). The Flex QI program oversees the Medicare Beneficiary Quality Improvement Project (MBQIP) through which hospitals collect and report quality measurement data to national reporting systems. MBQIP data helps CAHs understand health care processes, outcomes, patient perceptions of care and organizational structure to guide decisions about improvements to health care services. The goal of the Iowa Flex QI program is to increase and sustain the number of Iowa CAHs that consistently report MBQIP data and provide improved care to rural Iowans. CAHs must report on all core measures to participate in Flex QI program activities.



## MBQIP Domains, Core Measures, and Reporting Information

### Care Coordination

#### Hybrid Hospital-wide Readmission

- Hospital Quality Reporting (HQR)
- Annual Reporting

### Emergency Department

#### Emergency Department Transfer Communication (EDTC)

- Compass Data Portal
- Quarterly Reporting

### Global Measures

#### CAH Quality Infrastructure

- Flex Monitoring Team (FMT) via Qualtrics
- Annual Reporting

### Patient Experience

#### Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Provider and Systems (HCAHPS)

- HQR Secure Portal via Outpatient Clinical Assessment Reporting & Tracking (CART)/Vender
- Quarterly Reporting

### Patient Safety

#### HCP/IMM-3 Influenza Vaccination Coverage Among Healthcare Personnel (HCP)

- National Health Safety Network (NHSN)
- Annual Reporting

#### Antibiotic Stewardship

- NHSN
- Annual Stewardship

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