



FLEX QI Project – [QHi](#) Support

The Flex Quality Improvement Project asks states to specifically help CAHs connect quality measures to improvement in clinical outcomes—demonstrating impact on a specific measure area.

CAHs can implement initiatives with groups or cohorts of CAHs to support quality reporting and improvement based on needs.

To operationalize the FLEX QI Project:

- Participating states may select any MBQIP core measure/measure component for their Flex QI Project that aligns with current hospital/state priorities. This is the recommended approach for states with minimal CAH capacity, since data collection is already addressed through the core MBQIP measure reporting.
- States have flexibility to include all hospitals or a sub-group of hospitals within a state
 - Must have 2 or more CAHs involved in project
- Flex QI Project must align with one of the MBQIP quality domains
 - Patient Safety/Inpatient, Outpatient Care, Patient Engagement, or Care Transitions

How can QHi help?

QHi is an enterprise-wide benchmarking program specifically designed to meet the needs of rural facilities.

QHi supports:

- *The data/measures to be collected*
 - The QHi Library of Indicators contains measures from:
 - CMS (easy upload of CART monthly submissions)
 - MBQIP
 - **EDTC** (easy upload of Stratis tool report)
 - NHSN
 - NQF
 - Self-Defined
 - *Monthly collection and reporting the selected measure data*
 - Upload CMS and EDTC measure data
 - Networks upload NHSN data on behalf of hospitals
 - Self-report through easy to use customized data entry options
 - Data is immediately available for reporting
 - *Benchmarking*
 - Compare against self-defined peer groups based on Network or hospital characteristics



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- Collect, track and trend monthly data in real time that is pertinent to their unique environment
- Evaluate current performance, identify and reach out to best practice organizations to integrate successful solutions;
- Participate in a nationally recognized initiative to demonstrate healthcare quality in rural America
- Do not simply gather numbers. Benchmarking provides the opportunity to use interventions already built and tested by others, reducing the costs of making significant advances in the quality of care.

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