

MONTANA FLEX GRANT

2016-2017 CORE ACTIVITIES

WE WANT TO HEAR

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YOU

CORE AREA #1 QUALITY IMPROVEMENT

The Montana Rural Healthcare Performance Improvement Network (PIN) provides the foundation for MT Flex Grant quality improvement activities. *Key PIN activities include:*

THE MEDICARE BENEFICIARY QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (MBQIP)

MBQIP is designed to improve the quality of care provided in small, rural Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs) increasing quality data reporting and driving quality improvement activities based on the data.

This project provides an opportunity for individual hospitals to look at their own data, measure their outcomes against other CAHs and partner with other hospitals in the state around quality improvement initiatives to improve outcomes and provide the highest quality care to each and every one of their patients.

BENCHMARKING

MT CAHs participation in an extensive benchmarking program that allows utilization and performance comparison with peer hospitals on measures developed by MT CAH staff.

QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

MT Flex Grant Staff conduct cohort and state-wide studies on quality measures collected for MBQIP and the PIN Benchmarking project. In-depth analysis and performance improvement assistance are provided.

QIC & NURSING DIRECTOR NETWORKING

MT Flex supports attendance of QIC/DON staff at the MHA Health Summit and Regional CAH DoN/QIC meetings. These meetings include applicable educational sessions and provide a format for peers to share struggles, successes and best practices. A Quality Improvement course focusing on improvement is offered throughout the year for a variety of topics.

SITE VISITS

MT Flex Staff are available for on-site assistance to assist hospitals with data reporting and quality improvement.

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CORE AREA #2 OPERATIONAL AND FINANCIAL IMPROVEMENT

LEAN INTERNSHIPS AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

The MT Flex grant supports CAH process improvement by utilizing Lean management techniques and employing Montana State University Industrial Engineering interns. MT Flex Grant partners with MSU-Bozeman Industrial Engineering students to conduct Lean rapid improvement events at MT CAHs.

CAH ADMINISTRATOR NETWORKING

MT Flex supports attendance of CAH Administrators to the Winter CAH Administrator Meeting held in conjunction with the MHA Legislative Forums in January.

EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Coding, Finance, and Operational Education via webinar format.
Professional meeting participation scholarships (MT-HFMA & MHIMA)
Finance and operational assessments including statewide data analysis and co-hort development.

CORE AREA #3 REGIONAL SYSTEMS OF CARE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

KEY ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

Community Needs Assessment Implementation Plans

Collaboration with DPHHS Chronic Disease staff for population health performance improvement planning

Collaboration with MT State Trauma System staff to develop CAH Trauma performance improvement activities

The Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility Grant (Flex) is a federal grant from Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) and the Office of Rural Health Policy (ORHP) that was established to assist rural hospitals with their quality and performance improvement activities, stabilize rural hospital finance and integrate EMS into health care systems.



WHAT DOES THE MONTANA FLEX GRANT DO FOR YOU?

Participation meets the required CAH program Periodic Evaluation and quality of care reviews (C-330)

Identifies state or peer group needs for improvement.

Tell the "CAH Story" of quality healthcare and challenges in rural communities

Lays the groundwork for transition to a value based model.

Provides zero or low cost educational opportunities and continuing education for CAH Staff in popular topic areas

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