

Nebraska Named One of the Top States to Achieve Highest Reporting Rates

The Health Resources and Services Administration's Federal Office of Rural Health Policy (FORHP) recently congratulated Nebraska as one of the top states to achieve the highest reporting rates and levels of improvement over the past year.

To ensure low-volume hospitals are equipped to utilize data to implement quality improvement initiatives, FORHP created the Medicare Beneficiary Quality Improvement Project within the Flex program for rural hospitals with 25 beds or fewer. Currently, 98 percent of the 1,346 CAHs in the U.S. are reporting rural-relevant quality measures.

The Federal Office of Rural Health Policy recognized the top 10 ranked states for this achievement, including: Maine, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Indiana and Nebraska (tied), Illinois, Utah, Tennessee, Alabama and West Virginia.

FORHP thanked Tri Valley Health System for the dedication in continuing to work with the Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility (Flex) Grant Program to support quality improvement projects and develop technical assistance resources that improve high-quality care in the community.

For more information:

Federal Office of Rural Health Policy – www.hrsa.gov/ruralhealth

Medicare Beneficiary Quality Improvement Project – www.ruralcenter.org/tasc/mbqip

Flex Monitoring Team Data Analysis – <http://bit.ly/2018FMTrankings>