

Critical Access Hospital Partnering in Quality

Critical Access Hospital
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Kansas Foundation for Medical Care, Inc. - KFMC

- Founded in 1972
- Contracts with CMS as Quality Improvement Organization for Kansas
- Provides quality improvement support to Hospitals, Physician Offices, Home Health Agencies and Nursing Homes

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*We facilitate the improvement
of healthcare...*

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KFMC's Resources

- Nurses
- Physicians
- Quality Improvement
- Information Technology
- Data analysts
- Health Information Management
- Communications
- Education
- Administration

Board of Trustees:

- healthcare professionals,
- business leaders and
- healthcare consumers

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How can KFMC help you?

- 47 CAHs in Kansas are already reporting data to the QIO Clinical Data Warehouse as HQA participants
- ~20 CAHs have voiced intent to report data beginning with July, 2006 discharges
- CAHs are reporting data primarily on the pneumonia and heart failure quality measures

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Benefits of submitting data

- Facility level data
- Reliable comparison data
- Applicable comparison data
- KFMC staff support
- Satisfaction!
- Information to help you improve the quality of healthcare for your patients

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KFMC is your partner in quality improvement

- You are not alone in your efforts to submit data and improve the quality of care for your patients!
- KFMC is committed to helping you provide the right care to every person, every time.
- Analyzing your data is a crucial step in reaching this goal!

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KFMC support – continued...

- Training and registration material
- Regional meetings
- Comparison reports
- Quality Improvement support
- Technical support
- Consultation by KFMC staff
- On-going education including: webex training, monthly calls and intervention material

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What it takes to submit

- Register a QualityNet Exchange Administrator
- Train an individual to collect data based on abstraction manual
- Install CART software

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