

Medicare Beneficiary Quality Improvement Project – Key Points

MBQIP takes a proactive approach to ensure CAHs are well-prepared to meet future quality requirements, as quality reporting and demonstrating value through providing cost efficient quality care is where the health care environment is currently headed.

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.

With these MBQIP reports, we recognize the issue of small numbers. The goal of MBQIP quarterly data is not to provide statistically significant data but to provide an opportunity for each CAH to think about how they can improve care for each individual patient. For example, it's true that 2 out of 3 patients receiving discharge instructions is 66%, but more importantly, why did that 1 patient not receive instructions and are there any improvements that can be made to hospital processes to ensure that each patient seen will receive the appropriate instructions?

Your state might already be engaged in performance tracking activities beyond what MBQIP provides. That's great, keep doing what you are doing. By participating in MBQIP, these critical access hospitals help expand what we have for the MBQIP program nationally through robust data and sharing of best practices for improvement initiatives.

MBQIP data helps:

- hospitals engage in quality reporting and improvement activities to get them to where they need to be in demonstrating value
- State Flex coordinators and partners determine where Flex dollars can be targeted to show impact of investments to address specific needs of CAHs
- ORHP show the impact of Flex dollars program wide in improving quality outcomes for CAHs