PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT MEASUREMENT SYSTEM (PIMS)

The Performance Improvement Measurement System (PIMS) module is a data collection tool that is integrated with the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Electronic Handbook (EHB), which is used for electronic grant submission. PIMS allows the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy (FORHP) to gather performance data from grantees. FORHP is currently gathering data in the Flex program areas: Quality Improvement; Financial and Operational Improvement; Health System Development and Community Engagement; and Critical Access Hospital (CAH) Conversion/Closure.

Examples of data reported in PIMS by state Flex grantees includes:

- Participation in the Medicare Beneficiary Quality Improvement Project (MBQIP)
- MBQIP Phases 1-3 data aggregation
- Quality improvement and financial and operational improvement metrics
- Outcomes tracking
- Number of CAHs designated as trauma centers

The benefits provided to CAHs and other health care organizations through the state Flex Programs are important and, through PIMS, will be better documented. Through PIMS, grantees report direct interactions with CAHs and their systems of care through technical assistance and educational opportunities.

With PIMS data, FORHP and the grantee will have a tool that will allow them to track activities with common measures to determine associated progress and impact. HRSA EHB can be accessed at https://grants.hrsa.gov/webExternal/.

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