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# Collaboration: Complementing Flex and Working with Networks





# Purpose

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The National Rural Health Resource Center is a nonprofit organization dedicated to sustaining and improving health care in rural communities. As the nation's leading technical assistance and knowledge center in rural health, The Center focuses on five core areas:

- Performance Improvement
- Health Information Technology
- Recruitment & Retention
- Community Health Assessments
- Networking



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# The Center Staff

The nation's leading technical assistance & knowledge center in rural health





# Overview of SHIP Webinar Series

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The Center will be hosting 3 state-level webinars on:

- Collaboration Between Flex and Working with Networks (1/31/13 2:00 pm CT)
- ICD-10: What does it Mean and what will be the Impact? (2/19/13 2:00 pm CT)
- Rural Hospital Participation in ACOs and patient-centered Medical Homes (5/21/13 2:00 pm CT)



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The Center will be hosting 4 hospital-level webinars on:

- Using HCAHPS to Drive Patient/Employee Satisfaction (3/19/13 )
- Overview of Lean (4/30/13)
- Coding and Cost Reporting (5/14/13)
- Shifting to a Value-Based Health Care System (8/6/13)





## Key Concepts of SHIP

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- Improve accountability and program integrity
- Projects/investments may complement the Flex Program
- CAHs can't duplicate Flex services
- Network hospitals to provide higher quality care by purchasing equipment/training at a lower cost
- Link SHIP purchases to measurement
- Expedite adoption of MBQIP, HCAHPS, ICD-10



## Use of Networks in SHIP

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- Networking hospitals (2 or more) is encouraged, but not mandated
- Flex networks may be used for SHIP and vice versa
- MOUs or contracts aren't required for network creation or operation
- ORHP is examining the efficiencies of networks



## Benefits of Collaboration

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- Shared problem solving
- Shared education and information
- Networking and peer support
- Access to grants and funding





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- Discounts through shared volume
- Advocacy
- New products and services
- Shared access to technical expertise

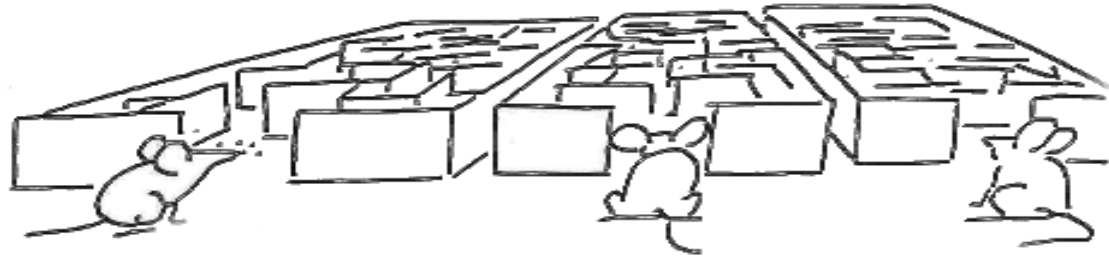


## Examples of Collaboration

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- How have SHIP and Flex collaborated in your State ? Give us an example of an activity.
- How has this collaboration been successful?
- What tools or resources were helpful with this collaboration?
- What actions do you suggest for other States to encourage collaboration between SHIP and Flex?

# A Collaborative Effort





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