



Update

Join us on Feb. 3 to learn about EQIC's CAHort

A collaborative opportunity for EQIC critical access hospitals to achieve improvement goals focused on your organization's unique needs

EQIC is pleased to announce its new CAHort and invites you to participate in this opportunity for collaborative efforts with other critical access hospitals in the program that include networking and data sharing to address the common challenges faced and opportunities available for improving quality outcomes.

CAHs face unique challenges due to limited availability of resources and the patient populations served. Collaboration with similar organizations is crucial to driving improvement in this setting.

Who: Participating critical access hospitals across EQIC states

What: EQIC's new CAHort collaboration/networking group

When: Quarterly virtual meetings beginning Feb. 3, 2022

Why: To engage with other staff from similar hospitals to address shared challenges, improve quality metrics, strategize opportunities for improvement and collectively reduce hospital-acquired conditions.

Background

EQIC was chosen by CMS to deliver services for its Hospital Quality Improvement Contract to further advance the quality and safety of healthcare provided in hospitals across the region. Notably, CMS targeted rural and critical access hospitals for participation. EQIC's CAHort allows us to assist these hospitals by focusing on their unique needs to achieve the overarching CMS goals of reducing all-cause patient harm by 9%, readmissions by 5%, adverse drug events by 13% and adverse drug events related to opioids by 7%.

EQIC will work with the CAHs to focus on the most pressing issues for their patient populations. These include patient and family advisory councils, readmissions and opioids, all with a focus on health equity. To support this work, the CAHort will form workgroups in each of these areas, and hospitals can participate in the workgroups that align with their priorities.

Participation in the CAHort consists of quarterly webinars to review priorities and network with similar organizations, sharing policies and barriers. Between meetings, your team will work with your project manager and within your self-selected workgroup(s) to achieve your hospital-specific goals.

Inaugural meeting

During this brief introductory session, EQIC staff will review the purpose and structure of the CAHort and identify goals and priorities. EQIC project managers want to acknowledge your unique challenges

and commit to providing you with support as you work through those issues.

Thursday, Feb. 3, 2022

1 - 3 p.m.

[Register online](#)

We suggest the participation of the following staff for this interactive working meeting:

- lead, quality management;
- clinical managers;
- nursing directors;
- staff involved in discharge planning; and
- readmission team members.

If you have questions, please contact Brenda Chapman at bchapman@hanys.org or (585) 353-3431.

Questions

Please contact [Dr. Cathleen Wright](#) or your [EQIC project manager](#) with any questions.

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