

# QUALITY IMPROVEMENT MATTERS

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Welcome back to the Wyoming Flex [Quality Improvement Matters](#) newsletter! The monthly newsletter with information and updates on CAH quality improvement programs, resources, tools, and training opportunities. **Congratulations—we have 100% of WY CAHs (16 out of 16) participating in MBQIP!**

## Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility Program (Flex)

### Wyoming Office of Rural Health—Cost Savings Report Model Education: *Casey Peterson, LTD. Services.*



The Wyoming Flex Program funded CAH staff participation in cost report education provided by Casey Peterson, LTD Services. As stated on their website, “This is not your ordinary accounting firm. Yes, they assist their clients with bookkeeping, accounting, tax preparation, audit, consulting, and more. But they also do financial and estate planning, business valuations, cash flow analysis and strategy, joint venture consulting, mergers and acquisitions, and provide a host of other services to individuals and businesses. They offer a variety of consulting services. Do you need benchmarking and analytic review? A business valuation? Strategic planning? How about board member and management training? They do it all.”

**Peer-to-peer sharing**—Below hear from your peers and learn about their experiences and lessons learned through participation in this Flex Funded event.

**Weston County.** “The Cost Report Education provided much needed information to the Weston County Health Services Managers on the portions of the cost report that their departments over. In addition, the details of how the cost report brings all the information together and other methods to account for department revenue and expenses. Casey Peterson staff also spent considerable time individually with managers in their specific areas looking for ways to improve the information and ensure accurate reporting. Casey Peterson staff also spent time with the new Accounting Manager on all the sections of the cost report that are relevant to our facility and discussed ways to make sure time studies are appropriately completed and other allocations are accounted for. This education will greatly help our facility to maximize our reimbursement from Medicare and Medicaid and ensure we are utilizing the appropriate processes to account for expenses.” Thank you – Maureen Cadwell, CEO.

**Powell Valley.** “This actually has many benefits for us. Monthly adjustment based on revenue, expense and statistics to estimate the cost report impact. Within our CAH world, it is not unheard of to have a large variance by month. For example, July and August might be like a ghost town, and then hang on to your hat in November and December. This provides us with current month impact, to enable us to post an entry each month for this change. This helps to reduce the impact of the yearly cost report entry, which can have a significant impact on your bottom line. The benefit of this is that we can create efficiency and have these all in one tool. [We] no longer need to track in separate spreadsheets for a specific audience (Board, Physicians, department leaders) One and done! We all know what you focus on, you can impact; this can provide each area with it’s own data and to create their own goals.” Thank you—Joy Coulston

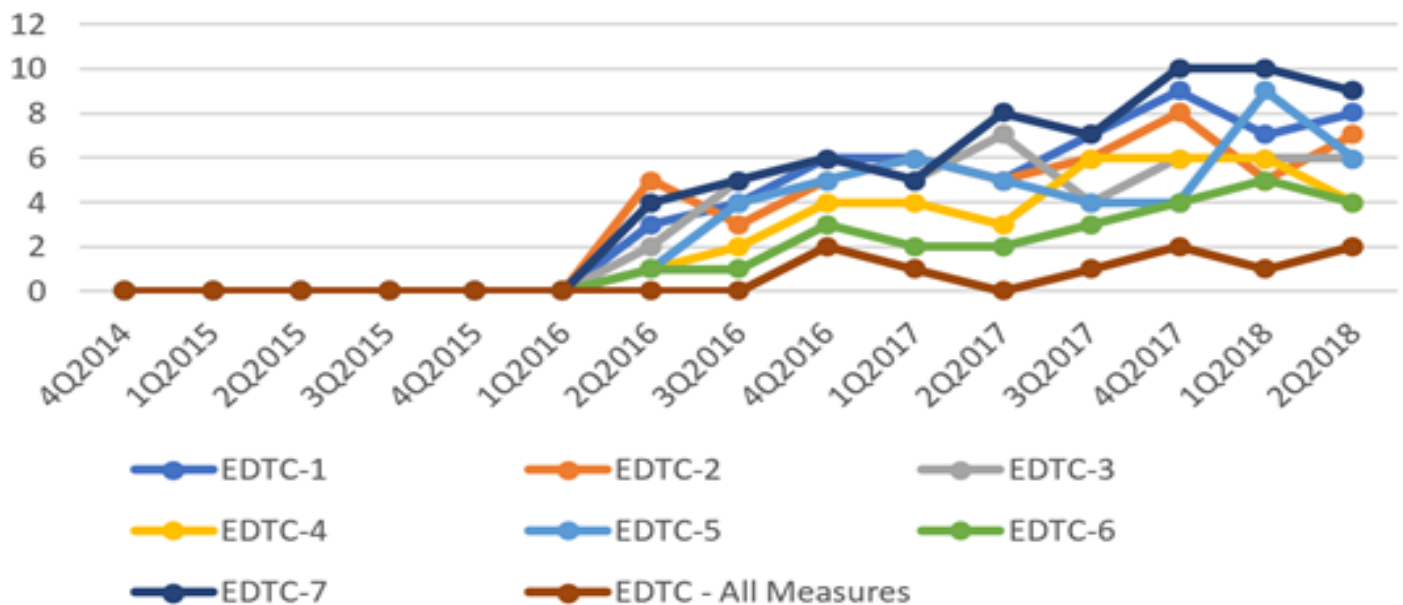
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## Medicare Beneficiary Quality Improvement Project (MBQIP)

**MBQIP—EDTC Update.** Which CAHs are making progress towards 100% for All Measures, All CAHs! Now in our 5<sup>th</sup> year of Emergency Department Transfer Communication (EDTC) reporting, not only have CAHs reached 100% reporting but we have made improvements as evidenced by moving from no CAH with 100% compliance for any of the measures in 2014 to 9 CAHs at 100% compliance for EDTC-7 and at least 4 CAHs with 100% compliance for all other measures in 2018. As we move towards 2020, we continue to strive for 100% for all CAHs across all measures.



### Number of WY CAHs Achieving 100% Compliance By EDTC Measure and Quarter



### Data Reporting Reminders—Upcoming Data Submission Deadlines:

#### April 30, 2019

- ◆ Emergency Department Transfer Communication (EDTC): Q1 2019 (January—March).

#### May 1, 2019

- ◆ Population and sampling – Inpatient and Outpatient: Q4 2018 (October—December).
- ◆ CMS Outpatient Measures: Q4 2018 (October—December)

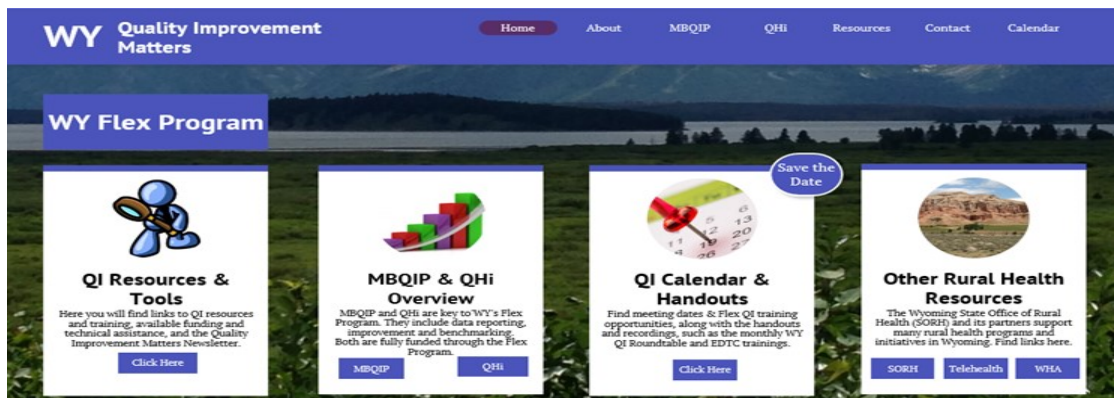
#### May 15, 2019

- ◆ CMS Inpatient Measures: Q4 2018 (October—December)

If your hospital needs technical support for either reporting or improvement, please contact Shanelle Van Dyke at 1.406.459.8420 and/or [Shanelle.VanDyke@QualityReportingServices.com](mailto:Shanelle.VanDyke@QualityReportingServices.com). We will also be reaching out to you directly as well. As a reminder 1Q2019 EDTC data (January – March 2019) will be due in QHi or to Kyle Cameron and Shanelle no later than April 30 2019. Congratulations to all QI teams for your work over the past five years of EDTC! Keep up the GREAT work!!!

## Quality Improvement Matters Website

**Tools & Resource Reminder.** Do you need technical assistance? Would you like additional training on how to better navigate the CART Application or the EDTC Excel data collection tool? Are you new to QI and would like to know more about Flex and MBQIP? Please check out our QIM website at [www.wyqim.com](http://www.wyqim.com)! We have uploaded a handful of quick webinar tutorials to the “QI Resources & Tools” section, to better assist you with your quality reporting needs. More tutorials will continue to be added and available on our website. If you have suggestions on additional tutorials, please let us know. If you experience any issues with the links and/or accessing the materials on the website, please contact Rochelle Spinarski at [rspinarski@rhsnow.com](mailto:rspinarski@rhsnow.com) or 1.651.731.5211.



## Flex Program Calendar

**Educational Happenings—2019.** Below is a list of upcoming events related to education and/or training for the Wyoming Flex Program Activities.



- ◆ **QI Roundtable—Topic TBD:** May 9th @ 10am—11am
- ◆ **Telemedicine Webinar—Focus on Behavioral Health:** May 23 @ @11am—12pm  
Presenter: David Theobald, Genoa Healthcare
- ◆ **WY Rural Health Conference—Laramie, WY:** June 5th—7th

The WYPCA, along with the WDH, WHA, WHRN, and the UWY are pleased to invite you to a statewide learning and networking opportunity. *\*CE credit is pending*

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