



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services
Administration

Rockville, MD 20857
Federal Office of Rural Health
Policy

Dear Nebraska Flex Program Staff:

The Health Resources and Services Administration's Federal Office of Rural Health Policy (FORHP) would like to congratulate you as one of the top states to achieve the highest reporting rates and levels of improvement over the past year.

To ensure low-volume hospitals are equipped to utilize data to implement quality improvement initiatives, FORHP created the Medicare Beneficiary Quality Improvement Project within the Flex program, for rural hospitals with 25 beds or fewer. Currently, 98% of the 1,346 CAHs in the U.S. are reporting rural-relevant quality measures.

HRSA is recognizing the top ten ranked states for this achievement, including Maine, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Indiana and Nebraska (tied), Illinois, Utah, Tennessee, Alabama, and West Virginia.

Thank you for your dedication as you continue your work within the Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility (Flex) Grant Program to support quality improvement projects and develop technical assistance resources that improve high-quality care in your communities.

For more information:

Federal Office of Rural Health Policy – www.hrsa.gov/ruralhealth

Medicare Beneficiary Quality Improvement Project - <https://www.ruralcenter.org/tasc/mbqip>

Flex Monitoring Team Data Analysis - <http://bit.ly/2018FMTrankings>

Thanks for all you do to improve quality in rural hospitals.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tom Morris".

Tom Morris
Associate Administrator