

# Federal Office of Rural Health Policy (FORHP)

## Medicare Beneficiary Quality Improvement Project (MBQIP)

### MBQIP was created:

In 2010 as a key quality improvement activity within the Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility grant program. The project officially kicked off in September 2011.

### There are:

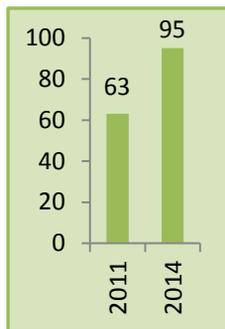
**1330**

CAHs in the U.S.

**57**

Million

People living in rural communities across the U.S.



CAH % Participation

### The GOAL of MBQIP:

To improve the quality of care provided in small, rural Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs). Even though many CAHs have low patient volume, *every patient matters!*

### CAH Reporting:

CAHs are not mandated to report quality data to CMS, but by 2014:



**95%** of CAHs participate in **MBQIP**

**85%** actively submit **INPATIENT** data

**55%** actively submit **OUTPATIENT** data

**54%** administer the **HCAHPS** survey



### Collaboration



- 8 states participated in a Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Quality Improvement Organization (QIO) special innovation project on the Emergency Department Transfer Communication Measure
- Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality quality improvement resources are available on the MBQIP website

### Quality Improvement

- 20 States are supporting quality benchmarking and the implementation of quality improvement activities around MBQIP measures
- 6 States are supporting evidence-based protocol implementation
- 8 States are focusing on Care Transitions and Readmissions



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