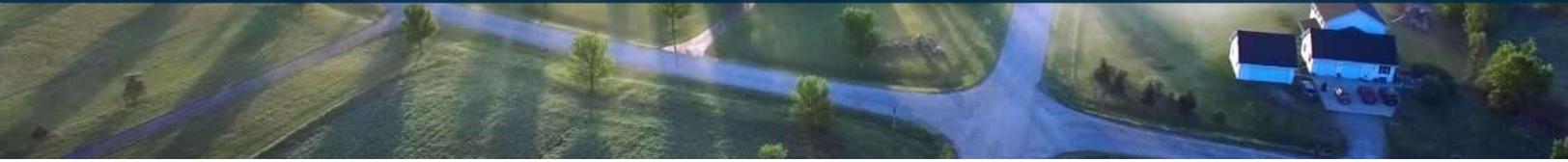




Rural Health Network Programming

Assessing and Understanding Rural Provider Performance



The Chartis Center for Rural Health delivers the leadership expertise needed to help rural providers, health systems, associations and state networks develop and implement performance improvement initiatives. Our unique approach, solutions and rural expertise has helped more than 750 rural and Critical Access Hospitals leverage a sophisticated analytics framework to guide strategic and operational decisions.

The **Hospital Strength INDEX for Networks** program offers a comprehensive and objective program for comparing all rural hospitals across a continuum of financial, value-based and market-driven performance indicators based on publicly available data. Aggregating data for 50 individual indicators and rolling them up into eight categories, this unique program is the first performance assessment tool to include all 1,300 Critical Access Hospitals and 800 Rural & Community facilities.

The Chartis Center for Rural Health collaborates with State and Network partners to disseminate INDEX analytics to individual hospitals in an organized, coordinated and cost-effective manner.

Benefits to Networks

- Following grant guidance, INDEX for Networks provides a common platform for benchmarking and sharing of best practices;
- Helps to serve as a hospital vulnerability assessment tool to justify how/why networks allocate funds for improvement activities (pursuant with grant guidance);
- Includes benchmarks for all network hospitals without any need for hospital data entry;

*Today, nearly a dozen
SORHs use Flex funding
to provide rural hospitals
with rural-relevant
benchmarks utilizing the
INDEX framework.*



- Provides expanded access to INDEX analytics and associated data sets;
- Grants distribution rights for INDEX indicators and rankings; and
- Educates hospital leaders on public reporting trends and relevant measurement.

Through the INDEX, hospital leadership teams and frontline decision makers can measure and monitor performance, and quickly identify immediate opportunities for improvement.

Benefits to Hospitals

- Hospital-specific INDEX data for all eight performance pillars (three times annually);
- INDEX summary-level data for all rural providers in state as well as national rural hospital medians;
- Benchmarks across all 50 INDEX indicators for rural providers in the state as well as national rural hospital medians;
- Hospital and state-level benchmark reports for 'Flex Financial' and 'MBQIP' to meet Flex Guidance;
- One on-site presentation of national and statewide INDEX findings; and
- Quarterly, network-wide webinars to review findings, methodology and benchmarks.

Experts in Rural Healthcare

The Chartis Center for Rural Health has served rural health networks in a number of data benchmarking and performance improvement capacities and has contracted with Flex programs or with designated subcontractors to Flex programs in more than 30 states. To learn more about how we can assist with rural programming in your state email us at inquiry@ivantagehealth.com.

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