



February 2019 e-Newsletter

Welcome Friend,

Welcome to your Quality Matters newsletter! Please take advantage of the educational opportunities made available by the HIIN during the month. These are also available to all staff at your facility.

Do We Mean It?

What are the health disparities you are seeing in your hospital? Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is requiring all hospitals to think differently about and be accountable for addressing health disparities. What does this mean for you?

While sometimes interpreted to mean a racial or ethnic disparity, a health disparity has been [defined](#) as a difference in health that is closely linked with social, economic, and/or environmental disadvantage. If you have a health outcome that is seen to a greater or lesser extent between populations, there is a disparity. Do the farmers in your community have a high incidence of colorectal cancer? Are your children suffering from higher levels of obesity?

[The latest research](#) has discovered that the impact of disparities may be up to seven times higher than the *entire burden* of heart disease on earth. We say we want to improve health care, but do we mean it? Take these three steps to start working on the causes of health (rather than the consequences of it):

1. Look at your [public health department's website](#) to learn about the demographics and health of your community.
2. Review the results of your hospital's HIIN Health Equity Assessment.
3. Complete the improvements recommended in the [Health Equity Organizational Equity Guide](#) to improve the level of equitable care your hospital provides.

Getting Real in Nebraska

- Based on the results of the last Health Equity Assessment, 52 of the 69 HIIN-participating hospitals will make improvements in the next six weeks to be considered a hospital that provides a "Basic" level of equitable care.
- The [State Health Improvement Plan](#) and [Nebraska's Healthy People 2020 Report](#) are also aimed at reducing health disparities.

2018 Top 10 Nebraska Cited Deficiency List

(per DHHS reporting)

Critical Access Hospitals

- 0322: Anesthetic Risk and Evaluation
- 0041: Hospital, CAH and LTC Emergency Power
- 0226: Maintenance
- 0278: Patient Care Policies
- 0306: Records Systems
- 0321: Designation of Qualified Practitioners
- 0399: Discharge Planning
- 2400: Compliance with 489.24
- 2405: Emergency Log
- 2406: Medical Screening Exam

Acute Care Hospitals

- 0118: Patient Rights and Grievances
- 0216: Patient Visitation Rights
- 0395: RN Supervision of Nursing Care
- 0117: Patient Rights - Notice of Patient Rights
- 0130: Patient Rights - Participation in Care Planning
- 0166: Patient Rights - Restraint or Seclusion
- 0215: Patient Visitation Rights
- 0396: Nursing Care Plan
- 0409: Blood Transfusions and IV Medications
- 0501: Pharmacist Supervision of Services

State Licensure Tags Cited 2018

- 0040: Administration Responsibilities
- 0260: Administration by Unlicensed Persons

HIIN Deadlines

February 10: Enter HIIN monthly data

March 11: Enter HIIN monthly data

March 11: HIIN Deadline (Updated data and operational survey due)

April 10: Enter HIIN monthly data

Upcoming Events

HRET HIIN | QIN Falls and Pressure Ulcer

February 7, 2019 | 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. CT | [Register here](#)

AHA | Trafficking of Children for Labor and Sex: The Health Care Professional's Response

February 12, 2019 | 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. CT | [Register here](#)

Nebraska Annual Brain Injury Conference

March 28-29, 2019 | Kearney, NE | [Register here](#)

2019 IHI Summit on Improving Patient Care

April 11 - 13, 2019 | San Francisco, CA | [Register here](#)

Nebraska Infection Control Network (NICN) Infection Control Prevention Course

May 2 -3, 2019 | Omaha, NE | [Register here](#)

2019 AHA Leadership Summit

July 25 - 27, 2019 | San Diego, CA | [Register here](#)

[Register for HRET HIIN events at](#)
<http://www.hret-hiin.org/events/index.dhtml>

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