

Introduction to AzFlex Program

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Points to Cover

- What is the Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility Program/Arizona Rural Hospital Flexibility Program (AzFlex)?
- Who within the state is involved?
- Which programmatic areas relate to ED and Trauma?
- What measures are being collected, monitored, and evaluated to achieve quality improvement?
- Questions



What is the Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility Program?

- Purpose: Save Rural Hospitals
 - Legislation passed under the 1997 Balanced Budget Act
 - Reauthorized in 2008 under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act
- 47 states in the country oversee the program through State Offices of Rural Health (SORHs)
- Arizona Center for Rural Health (AzCRH) is Az's SORH
- Key Eligibility Requirements
 - Have 25 beds or less
 - Maintain a yearly Average Length of Stay under 96 hours
 - Be located 35 miles from another hospital



FY 2015-2017 AzFlex Program Core Areas/Goals

Core Areas

- Quality Improvement
- Financial and Operational Improvement
- Population Health Management and EMS Integration

Goals

- Improve the quality of care provided by CAHs
- Improve financial and operational outcomes of CAHs
- Understand community health & EMS needs (FY 2015)
- Improve identification and management of Time Critical Diagnosis (TCD) (FY 2016, 2017)



Arizona State Designated Trauma Centers



Relevant AzFlex Quality Measures Re: ED/Trauma

Care Transitions Domain: Emergency Department Transfer Communication (EDTC) Measures

Measure	Title
EDTC – 1	Administrative
EDTC – 2	Patient Information
EDTC – 3	Vital Signs
EDTC – 4	Medication Information
EDTC – 5	Physician/Practitioner Information
EDTC – 6	Nurse Generated Information
EDTC – 7	Procedures and Tests
All EDTC Measures	Records Reviewed - max 45/qtr #/%



Relevant AzFlex Quality Measures Re: ED/Trauma

Outpatient Domain: ED Outpatient Measures

Measure	Title
Outpatient - 1	Median time to Fibrinolysis
Outpatient - 2	Fibrinolytic Therapy received w/i 30 minutes
Outpatient - 3	Median time to transfer to another facility for Acute Coronary Intervention
Outpatient - 5	Median time to ECG
Outpatient - 20	Door to diagnostic evaluation by a qualified medical professional
Outpatient - 21	Median time to pain management for long bone fracture
Outpatient - 22	Patient left without being seen



FY 2015 Core Area Goals: Population Health Management and EMS Integration

- Convene rural EMS and CAH stakeholders to support an assessment of identifying rural EMS system needs
- Initiate survey and present findings
- Utilize findings to support AzFlex efforts for FY 2016 and FY 2017



Questions?

Thanks!!!

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