The Arizona Small Hospital Improvement Program (AzSHIP) supports eligible small rural hospitals (with 49 beds or less) meet value-based payment and care goals for their respective organizations, through purchases of hardware, software and training. AzSHIP also enables small rural hospitals: to become or join accountable care organizations (ACOs); to participate in shared savings programs; and to purchase health information technology (hardware and software), equipment, and/or training to comply with quality improvement activities, such as advancing patient care information, promoting interoperability, and payment bundling.

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Federal Office of Rural Health Policy accepts applications for the SHIP from State Offices of Rural Health (SORHs) on behalf of eligible hospital applicants in its state. The AzCRH houses AzSHIP, serves as fiscal intermediary for all eligible hospitals within the state, and ensures that AzSHIP is coordinated with AzFlex and other AzCRH programs.

AzSHIP tools and trainings include: quality data collection training, Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (HCAHPS) Survey training, pharmacy services, disease registry usage training, telemedicine/mobile health equipment, and revenue cycle management training and implementation.

**AzSHIP PROGRAM FOCUS AREAS**

The three key AzSHIP focus areas include investing in:

- Value-Based Purchasing (VBP) activities to improve data collection and facilitate quality improvement and required reporting.
- Accountable Care Organizations (ACO) or Shared Savings activities to develop and implement programs.
- Prospective Payment System (PPS) or Payment Bundling (PB) activities to improve the hospital’s financial performance.

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