Arizona Rural Hospital Flexibility Program (AzFlex)

AzFLEX PROGRAM FOCUS AREAS

• Designate Critical Access Hospitals (CAH)
  AzFlex supports eligible Arizona rural hospitals who have 25 beds or less to consider Critical Access Hospital designation. Once certified by Medicare, CAHs receive cost-based reimbursement. Currently, Arizona has 14 CAHs which are named and noted on the map below.

• Enhance Healthcare Quality
  All Arizona CAHs participate in reporting to a national benchmarking system focused on patient safety, patient engagement, care transitions, and outpatient measures. AzFlex distributes quarterly trend reports to AzCAHs reflecting improvement or identifying areas that need to be improved.

• Improve Financial and Operational Performance
  Hold monthly Executive Leadership meetings, provide performance improvement educational sessions for AzCAH senior leadership, and contract with consultants to conduct financial and operational assessments with specific recommendations for vulnerable CAHs.

• Encourage Community Engagement and Health System Development
  Utilize results from the 2016 Statewide Emergency Medical Services Needs Assessment to identify priorities for the state’s CAH communities along with county and hospital priorities identified in Community Health Needs Assessments.

ARIZONA’S CRITICAL ACCESS HOSPITALS

1. Banner Page Hospital
2. Hopi Health Care Center
3. Sage Memorial Hospital
4. Little Colorado Medical Center
5. Parker Indian Health Center
6. La Paz Regional Hospital
7. Wickenburg Community Hospital
8. White Mountain Regional Medical Center
9. Cobre Valley Regional Medical Center
10. Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital
11. Northern Cochise Community Hospital
12. Benson Hospital
13. Copper Queen Community Hospital
14. Carondelet Holy Cross Hospital
15. Banner Payson Medical Center

FEDERAL LEGISLATION

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