

Dear Flex Program Colleagues,

With the release of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 Flex Program Non-Competing Continuation (NCC) Progress Report Instructions, we would like to remind you that TASC is available to review one component of your cooperative agreement progress report prior to your final submission (examples: work plan, narrative, budget, etc.). If you would like assistance, please choose **one** section of your proposal for TASC to review. Please submit your request to tasc@ruralcenter.org by April 30, 2021 and allow us five business days to review. TASC will respond with comments and suggestions, but we are unable to re-write content for you. We're happy to also talk through with you the suggestions and comments via phone.

Let's keep sharing! Please feel free post your questions in the [Flex Program Forum](#). If you have a question, someone else likely does too and will benefit from seeing the question and answer. For help logging into the Flex Program Forum, please [create an account or reset your password](#).

Resources to support your Flex Program Cooperative Agreement application

[FY 2021 Funding Guidance and Supporting Materials](#)

- NCC Progress Report Program Specific Instructions
- Attachment #3 Flex Quality Improvement (QI) Project Proposal
- **UPDATED!** Flex Program Logic Models: Newly updated from the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy to include a logic model specific to each program area
- FY 2019 - FY 2023 Flex Program Work Plan Template
- NCC Progress Report Technical Assistance Webinar Presentation Slides

Data Sources

- [Flex Monitoring Team State Profiles](#) (state-level outcomes data for the Medicare Beneficiary Quality Improvement Project (MBQIP), Hospital Compare and the Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (HCAHPS))
- [Critical Access Hospital Measurement and Performance Assessment System \(CAHMPAS\)](#) (needs assessment and outcomes data)
- [Population Health Toolkit and Data Scenarios](#) (readiness assessment and needs assessment data)
 - [TASC 90 Webinar Playback: Population Health](#): Includes demonstration of the Population Health Toolkit and a demonstration of new Tableau capabilities
 - Need help with the Toolkit? Contact us by email or phone; we're happy to help!
- [Flex Program Data Visualization](#)
- [Finding Statistics and Data Related to Rural Health](#)
- [Data Sources and Tools Relevant to Rural Health](#)

Guides/Manuals

- [Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility \(Flex\) Performance Management/Evaluation Guide](#)
- [Federal Grant Writing Manual](#)
- [The Grant Project Life Cycle: A Grant Subcontract Management Guide](#)
- [**UPDATED!** Core Competencies for State Flex Program Excellence](#) (Flex Program self-assessment and resources for each competency)
- [2021 Flex Program Fundamentals guide](#)

Publications

- [Evaluation of the Use of CAH Cohorts for Quality Improvement Activities](#)
- [Best Practices from 14 CAH Executives Operating in Challenging Environments](#)
- [Supporting CAHs during the COVID-19 Pandemic: Summary Results of a Survey of State Flex Coordinators](#)
- [CAH Partnerships during the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)

Topical Webinar Recordings

- [MBQIP Quality Improvement Project Virtual Knowledge Group](#) (Flex Forum access required)
- [Cooperative Agreement Submission Tips and Best Practices](#) (Flex Forum access required) While this webinar has information specific to a competitive funding application, other useful content includes working with stakeholders to identify Flex Program activities
- [Evaluation Performance Improvement](#) (Flex Forum access required)
- [Outputs and Outcomes for Flex Program Success](#)
- [CAHMPAS Working Webinar](#) Includes information about using CAHMPAS data for activity planning

Please let us know if you have questions. Thanks!