

Introducing the First National Patient Safety Benchmarking Program for CAHs, Small and Rural Healthcare Organizations

Benchmark for Excellence in Patient Safety™

Program Goals

- Create a national database to support the patient safety work of critical access, small and rural healthcare organizations
- Provide a forum to work with like organizations within your state and nationally on interventions to reduce potential harm
- Enhance the safety of patient care in the small and rural healthcare setting

Components of the *Benchmark for Excellence in Patient Safety™* Program

- The **Healthcare SafetyZone® Portal**: A web-based electronic system for your organization's data management, communication and analysis needs
- Quarterly Comparative Reports (QCRs): Compare your organization to those in your state (a minimum of 5 participating hospitals are required for state comparison), and to those in the program nationally. QCRs will be done in the areas of Falls, Medication and Infection Events
- Quarterly Webinar: A forum to review the quarterly data and where participants can learn from each other to help create interventions for sustainable and positive change

What will it cost to participate in the *Benchmark for Excellence in Patient Safety™* Program?

- There is no additional fee to participate in the Program. It is a service provided by Clarity Group, Inc. for our critical access, small and rural clients who purchase the **Healthcare SafetyZone® Portal**

What is needed to join the *Benchmark for Excellence in Patient Safety™* Program?

- License to use the **Healthcare SafetyZone® Portal** for data collection, internal notification, investigation and analysis at your organization
- Business Associate Agreement with Clarity to share event information
- Data Use Agreement to generate the QCRs
 - ✓ NO special data submission for you to do
 - ✓ NO extra reporting steps

"We have been using Clarity's Healthcare SafetyZone® Portal since January of 2010 and our hospitals have gone paperless and have been able to benchmark with one another. It is very exciting to have this same opportunity with other small and rural hospitals across the country through the Benchmark for Excellence in Patient Safety™ Program. It is a great way to share our experiences and continue our pursuit of improved patient safety in small and rural settings."

Beth Dibbert
Quality Consultant
Rural Wisconsin Health Cooperative

"Among the benefits we have seen through our facilities' use of the Healthcare SafetyZone® Portal, we have been able to help eliminate paper from our organizations, increase our overall reporting and foster shared learning and communication among our facilities. The Benchmark for Excellence in Patient Safety™ Program is a great way to aid in our continued focus on improving patient safety in small and rural hospitals."

Jody Ward, RN, BSN
CAH Quality Network Coordinator
Center for Rural Health
University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences

Join your colleagues across the country in a first of its kind national benchmarking program in patient safety for critical access, small and rural healthcare organizations!

Call to set up a demonstration of the **Healthcare SafetyZone® Portal** for your organization - Ask for Jaclyn Saffa at 773.864.8280

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