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DATE: February 20, 2019

TO: Critical Access Hospitals

FROM: Minnesota Statewide Quality Reporting and Measurement System

SUBJECT: Technical correction to critical access hospital quality measure reporting requirements for 2019

The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) updated the Minnesota Statewide Quality Reporting and Measurement System (Quality Reporting System) in December 2018 for the 2019 report year. Shortly after finalizing our measure set update, the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy within the Health Resources & Services Administration announced the removal of several measures from the Medicare Beneficiary Quality Improvement Project (MBQIP) including **Median Time to ECG Submission (OP-5)**, which is also in the Quality Reporting System. To maintain alignment with MBQIP reporting requirements for critical access hospitals, we are removing this measure from the Quality Reporting System effective with discharges as of April 1, 2019. We have noted this technical correction at [Quality Measures: 2019 Report Year](http://www.health.state.mn.us/data/hcquality/measures) (<http://www.health.state.mn.us/data/hcquality/measures>).

For more information about the removal of these measures from MBQIP, please refer to [MBQIP Measures](https://www.ruralcenter.org/resource-library/mbqip-measures) (<https://www.ruralcenter.org/resource-library/mbqip-measures>).

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