

Community Health Needs Assessment: Aligning IRS Requirements Using Best Practices

Iowa Flex Critical Access Hospitals



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Overview:

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act passed in 2010, requires all nonprofit hospitals to complete a Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) and an Implementation Plan. The purpose of the CHNA is to identify the health-related needs in the community and develop a plan of action to address these needs. This requirement, which went into effect in 2012, must be completed by all nonprofit hospitals to maintain their tax-exempt status. Collaborative partnerships between critical access hospitals, local health departments and community organizations aid the alignment to meet the IRS requirements to conduct the assessment and develop implementation strategies. This webinar will provide learning to meet requirements and review available resources and best practices to assure elements are achieved to have meaningful documentation and actionable strategies for addressing community needs.

Objectives:

- + Identify IRS Requirements for CHNA and Implementation Plans
- + Recognize Resources in Completing Community Assessments
- + Describe Community Alignment Best Practices
- + Review Essential Documentation

Intended Audience:

Hospital Leadership, Population and Public Health Professionals, CHNA Leads, Community Partners

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