



## ***Rural Healthcare Peer Exchange and Professional Development Program for CAHs***

Sponsored by the ND Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility Program (Flex)  
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### ***Rural Healthcare Peer Exchange and Professional Development Program Applications Available***

The ND Flex Program offers this program to provide opportunities for staff serving critical access hospitals (CAHs) of North Dakota to learn from their peers. The Rural Healthcare Exchange Program provides travel support for individuals or small groups to meet with similar entities from other areas of the state and share information, ideas, and successful approaches to improving quality and access to healthcare services.

***Who is eligible?*** The program is open to staff and board members serving ND Critical Access Hospitals, rural non-profit EMS agencies and network representatives serving rural health organizations. The program does *not* include visits with consultants, conference travel, or training events. Funding is allocated on a “first-come, first-served” basis for applicants meeting the criteria. The mentoring program ends when available funds are exhausted.

***How does it work?*** Applications may be emailed to the ND Flex Program; applicants will receive confirmation and approval or denial of the proposed exchange within 7 business days of receipt of the application. All travel must be completed by August 15, 2019.

***What happens after receiving the approval?*** Applicants proceed with their proposed exchange based on the approved application. Following the exchange visit, the applicant submits an invoice, receipts, and a completed outcome report to the ND Flex Program for reimbursement.

***Questions?*** For additional questions or information, please contact:

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