

MOMENTUM

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November is American Diabetes Month[®].

There are 96 million US adults living with prediabetes.

Raising awareness is critically important. Despite its prevalence—more than 1 in 3 Americans has prediabetes—more than 8 in 10 people with prediabetes don't know they have it.

This is a special time when communities and organizations across the country come together to bring attention and awareness to diabetes management and prevention.

National Diabetes Month is a great opportunity to let your community know about the Lifestyle Change Program, enroll new participants, spread the success stories of current and past participants, and provide great resources to the community.

Could You Have
Prediabetes?

Resources to check out:

- Diabetes TV - [Imagine You Preventing Type 2](#)
- Using A1C to meet DPP requirements ([PDF](#))
- Diabetes-related mortality rates decrease in urban areas, remain stagnant in rural ([Article](#))



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Interoperability in Action

2-Part series of expanding IPPS' Role in Public Health and Health Equity Reporting



The 2023 IPPS final rule also adds new measures (voluntary for 2023 but required beginning in 2024)

As part of the 2023 IPPS final rule, CMS finalized a new measure under the health information exchange (HIE) objective of the Promoting Interoperability Program that creates a powerful incentive for hospitals to lead the way in advancing truly robust information

under the Hospital Inpatient Quality Reporting (IQR) program that address health equity. These measures are designed to build health equity into their core functions in three ways

exchange on a national scale.

[PART 1](#)

[PART 2](#)



Digital Healthcare Research Program

AHRQ's support for digital healthcare research and the field's growing impact on patient care is the subject of a new AHRQ Views blog post by Chris Dymek, Ed.D., director of AHRQ's Digital Healthcare Research Program. The program's newly released 2021 annual report, [Improving Healthcare Through AHRQ's Digital Healthcare Research](#), highlights nearly 50 completed and ongoing projects that speak to digital healthcare technology's growing promise.



In 2021, AHRQ's \$30 million investments in digital healthcare research supported 104 grants and nine research contracts at 64 institutions. The new report summarizes research in three areas: engaging and empowering patients; optimizing delivery for clinicians; and supporting care systems in advancing care delivery. Access the [blog](#).

OFMQ Project Feature



Services Administration (HRSA), is a community-based grant program aimed towards promoting rural health care services by enhancing health care delivery to rural underserved populations in the local community or region. OFMQ has created a consortium, Western Oklahoma Wellness (WOW) that includes five counties in Western Oklahoma that have a significantly higher diabetes mortality rate than the national and state level. These include Greer, Kiowa, Beckham, Rogers Mills and Washita.



WOW aims to improve access to preventive care services by providing A1C and cholesterol screenings, vaccinations, and connections to further health care services.

Pictured to the left is SWOSU Rural Health Center providing A1C and cholesterol screenings in Cordell, OK.

WOW aims to serve the prediabetic population that remains to be undiagnosed, especially those who are uninsured. WOW also serves providers and can assist with EHR and other technical assistance to incorporate best practices.

Pictured to the right is one of our Healthy Living art contest entries from Cordell Public Schools.



Connecting with our Western Oklahoma communities is of the utmost importance to us. We do this by participating in city, county, and community-level events. Additionally, we host local Weeks of Wellness events as well as other local health



fairs.

Pictured to the left is a family fun run event in Washita County, OK.

Join WOW's educational events for useful information pertaining to health and wellness in rural communities! Up next, we have **Hunger Free** discussing how food insecurity impacts rural health.

November 9, 2022
11am - 12pm

[Register Here!](#)

WOW Website

WOW is funded through the HRSA Rural Health Care Outreach Services Program, Grant No. D04RH40277



The National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health (NOSORH) sets aside the third Thursday of every November to celebrate National Rural Health Day (NRHD).

NRHD is an opportunity to “Celebrate the Power of Rural” by honoring the selfless, community-minded and determined spirit that prevails in rural America. NRHD showcases the efforts of rural healthcare providers, organizations and cooperatives, State Offices of Rural Health, and stakeholders from various industry sectors dedicated to addressing Social Determinants of Health (SDOH) and the unique healthcare challenges that rural citizens face today and into the future.

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November HIT List

- OCR Cybersecurity Recognized [Security Practices Video](#)
- Now Available: Additional Eligible Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals eCQM Flows for [2023 Reporting Period](#)
- Improve Health Equity this [Health Literacy Month](#)
- Small Practice Countdown to Performance Year [2022 Data Submission](#)
- Information Blocking: [Eight Regulatory Reminders](#)
- New Research Identifies Themes for Successful [Practice Facilitation](#)
- Now Open: 2023 MIPS Performance Year Virtual Group Election Period - [Fact Sheet](#)



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