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Joint E-QUAL/CEDR Reward Opportunity

E-QUAL is excited to announce a special grant opportunity for EDs interested in improving care through use of ACEP's [Clinical Emergency Data Registry \(CEDR\)](#)!

As part of a *special one-time program*, E-QUAL seeks to maximize the success of your quality improvement project and help your ED build critical data access and capacity. **We are seeking EDs in rural and underserved areas interested in joining E-QUAL and CEDR to apply this year.**

The award is a **one-time lump sum of \$4,000** that will be used to cover the technical assistance of CEDR costs for 2018.

Eligibility

- Must be enrolled in and complete a 2018 E-QUAL collaborative
- Hospital-based ED practices in CMS designated Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs), OR
- ED practices located in rural areas requiring that your location be outside an Urbanized Area as defined by the U.S. Census. Use the following web link to determine if your ED facility meets the [CMS Rural definition](#).

Submission

Applications must be submitted by the deadline to:

Nalani Tarrant, Senior Project Manager at ntarrant@acep.org

Extended Deadline to submit application is July 20, 2018.

[Download Application](#)

Portal Access Guide Update

We have updated and expanded the E-QUAL *Portal Access Guide*. This guide covers all aspects of interaction with the portal in step-by-step breakdowns.

Download the new guide here: [Portal Access Guide](#)

For any additional questions, please contact us directly as equal@acep.org.

Quality Tip of the Month



"Addiction changes the brain in ways that make the patient believe they can't survive without alcohol or drugs. So the prospect of treatment is incredibly scary. The patient may not be willing to accept the first referral. But over time, the concern of healthcare providers can create a trusting relationship with the patient so they know where to turn when they are ready."

Maureen Boyle, PhD, Addiction Policy Forum

Interested in providing Quality Tips from your experiences? Your tip will be highlighted and credited to you, as shown above. Please contact us at equal@acep.org.

Frequently Asked Questions



Question:

How does the Rural Critical Access Grant award work?

Answers:

If your ED site fits three eligibility criteria, submit an application to ntarrant@acep.org. If selected, your site will receive a \$4,000 credit for 2018 CEDR technical costs.

For other questions please visit our updated [FAQ page](#). If your question has not been answered, please e-mail us at equal@acep.org.

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