



# Petersburg Medical Center

Quality Report September 2024

---

## **Workforce Wellness**

Quality staff is currently participating in a Quality Assurance Performance Improvement (QAPI) program series offered by the Alaska Hospital & Healthcare Association that is designed to enhance the effectiveness of programs and the utilization of data to facilitate desired outcomes. This resource will be utilized in the development of a PMC-wide QAPI plan/policy.

## **Community Engagement**

Community Health Needs Assessment-collaboration has expanded to include additional work group members that provide unique and valuable local and state-wide perspectives. Key informant interviews will begin this month and inform the contents of the upcoming community survey.

Tai Ji Quan Moving for Better Balance-The next in-person class will begin around September 17th. The remote/zoom class will start October 21<sup>st</sup>. Technical assistance and transportation are available as needed to help reduce any barriers to participation.

## **Patient Centered Care**

The Home Health-End of Life Order Set has been integrated into home health EMR-Matrixcare. This allows for quick, essentially error-free order entry that integrates into the patient care plan. These streamlined order entry processes will enhance communication, decrease clinician documentation burden and increase the efficiency and accuracy of the intervention implementation. The next steps will include Cerner integration (initiated through IT department), pharmacy collaboration and staff training.

The Health Equity Transformation Assessment has been completed by PMC staff and has been submitted to the American Hospital Association this month to receive a personalized Transformation Action Plan (should be coming soon.) This action plan will provide a structure and process for improvement to advance health equity. It will also provide guidance for incorporating diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) industry standards and language into PMC policy.

The Medicare Beneficiary Quality Improvement Project (MBQIP) reporting will include health equity measures in 2025 with required reporting in 2026. These consist of a 'commitment to health equity' and two new measures requiring the collection of data on the Social Determinants of Health.

## **Facility**

The Quality Committee for LTC and CAH will meet on September 18th. This month's agenda will include review and approval of the updated active policy list.

## **Financial Wellness**

The home health department will be utilizing the newly awarded Adult Day grant. This 3-year grant will help to support the controlled growth of this program by supporting staffing needs, equipment, and will offer scholarships to local qualified participants.

---

**Submitted by: Stephanie Romine, RN**