

## KCHS Recognized For Dedication To Improving Patient Care

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Kearney County Health Services of Minden was recently recognized by the Nebraska Hospital Association for their work to improve quality of care as part of national Partnership for Patients' Hospital Improvement Innovation (HIIN) Network initiative. The Nebraska Hospital Association (NHA) and 69 Nebraska hospitals partner with The Health Research and Educational Trust of the American Hospital Association (HRET) in this important work.

The AHA is one of 16 national, regional, or state hospital associations, Quality Improvement Organizations (QIO), and health system organizations selected by Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to work on the Partnership initiative, reducing preventable hospital-acquired conditions and readmissions.

The HIIN's goal is to achieve a 20 percent decrease in overall patient harm and a 12 percent reduction in 30-day hospital readmissions as a population-based measure (readmissions per 1,000 people) from the 2014/2015 baseline. Efforts focus on consistently providing high quality care to the individuals in each community in Nebraska.

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