

• HEALTH CARE RESOURCE DISPLAYS •

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8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Center for Biopreparedness Education

The Center for Biopreparedness Education—a joint endeavor between Creighton University Medical Center and the University of Nebraska Medical Center—enhances preparedness skills and knowledge in the areas of medical preparedness, responder preparedness, public health preparedness and business/industry preparedness through affordable, needs-based training, customized organizational assistance, and comprehensive resources.

CIMRO of Nebraska

CIMRO of Nebraska is the Medicare Quality Improvement Organization (QIO) for the state of Nebraska. CIMRO of Nebraska contracts with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to work with health care providers to improve the quality of care delivered to people with Medicare, including assisting physicians and staff in hospitals, nursing homes, homecare agencies, prescription drug plans and physician offices to improve quality through the use of system and process changes. CIMRO of Nebraska staff work throughout Nebraska to assist clinical staff in their efforts to improve quality of care for Nebraska's Medicare beneficiaries. CIMRO of Nebraska is dedicated to making Nebraska's health care the best in the nation.

Nebraska Hospice and Palliative Care Partnership (NHPCP)

As the state's hospice association, the Nebraska Hospice and Palliative Care Partnership (NHPCP) is a collaborative effort of more than 50 organizations with an interest in good care for terminally and chronically ill Nebraskans. Established as a 501(c)3 community betterment non-profit 25 years ago, NHPCP includes Nebraska hospices, community end-of-life coalitions, long term care facilities and other health and elder-care organizations, such as the Nebraska Hospital Association, Nebraska Health Care Association, Alzheimer's Association of the Great Plains and the Nebraska Medical Association. NHPCP is a member agency of Community Health Charities of Nebraska.

Nebraska Medical Reserve Corps

The Medical Reserve Corps is a team of medical and non-medical professional volunteers who train and exercise together for the purpose of responding to disasters that overwhelm the existing health care system. In a disaster, everyone wants to help. Lessons learned from 9/11, Hurricane Katrina and other disasters show that many spontaneous volunteers who show up cannot be used regardless of their life saving skills. By registering and pre-credentialing as a volunteer with the Medical Reserve Corps, health care and other response agencies will be able to welcome your help when they need it most. Medical Reserve Corps volunteers are activated only at their own discretion. Please consider becoming part of the Medical Reserve Corps.

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Project Linus

Delores Lintel, Coordinator

Project Linus started on Christmas Eve 1995 when Karen Loucks of Denver read an article in the *Parade* magazine about a little girl who was going through intensive chemotherapy, and it said that her security blanket had helped her get through the treatments. Karen decided to provide homemade security blankets to the Denver Rocky Mountain Children's Cancer Center...and Project Linus was born. It is now a nationwide organization with hundreds of chapters. The mission of Project Linus is to provide the feeling of security, comfort and love to any child who is ill, has had surgery, has been neglected or abused in any way or is experiencing some traumatic situation in their life. We do this by giving the child a soft, comfortable blanket, quilt or afghan to hug to themselves for comfort. We want each child to know we care and want to give them a hug when they need it most. Our blankets, quilts and afghans are distributed to the many hospitals across the State of Nebraska, many social service agencies—anywhere a child is hurting, abused, neglected or afraid.

Quest for Excellence Displays

Each year, Nebraska hospitals are invited to participate in the Quest for Excellence Award. The award is given to one Critical Access Hospital and one non-Critical Access Hospital to recognize them for their efforts in improving the quality of care provided at their facilities. All hospitals that submit applications are invited to share their quality initiatives at the NHA Annual Convention. Stop by the Quest for Excellence Award table to learn about the innovative and successful quality activities underway in Nebraska.

Rural Comprehensive Care Network (RCCN)

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The Rural Comprehensive Care Network of Nebraska (RCCN) is a non-profit organization consisting of the South East Rural Physician Alliance and Blue River Valley Health Care Network. RCCN strives to focus on health care systems working together to provide high quality health care in our communities.

RCCN is one of approximately 50 organizations across the United States that is an Approved Vendor of the CAHPS Hospital Survey. The company has been administering the survey to rural Nebraska hospitals for almost two years. In addition to the HCAHPS Survey, RCCN also supplies Patient Satisfaction Surveys for both the hospital and clinic settings, employee satisfaction surveys, home health surveys, long-term care/nursing home surveys, physician satisfaction surveys and community perception surveys. Additional services offered include an Occupational Health and Safety Program and a mobile screening unit, as well as peer review services.