

Announcement: September 19, 2012—Program lead for AHRQ's award-winning MONAHRQ program

AHRQ is seeking a Program Lead for the award-winning MONAHRQ program

One strategy increasingly used to improve quality is the production of public reports comparing the quality of hospitals and other providers. But mounting a website is a time-consuming and expensive effort, and production of a website that consumers will actually use in their decision-making is not easy.

To facilitate such efforts, AHRQ has created MONAHRQ – My Own Network Powered by AHRQ. MONAHRQ is a desktop software tool that enables organizations such as state and local data organizations, community quality collaborative, hospitals and hospital systems, and health plans to quickly and easily create a website using their own hospital discharge data, inpatient measures from CMS Hospital Compare and/or HCAHPS survey measures for public reporting of quality (for more information please visit <http://www.monahrq.ahrq.gov/>). Communities and states also can use the software tool for reports and graphics to identify problem areas such as counties with very high admissions (and therefore costs) for potentially preventable admissions. To date, six states have adopted MONAHRQ for public reporting, and others are using it for public health planning and others uses.

MONAHRQ recently was recognized as one of the most innovative HHS programs in the country, receiving honorable mention in the HHSInnovates program. MONAHRQ also has received additional funding from the Department to accelerate its growth. AHRQ is seeking a qualified individual to lead for this effort. The incumbent will also form part of a quality measurement and reporting team at AHRQ, which includes activities such as:

- Quality Indicators <http://www.qualityindicators.ahrq.gov>
- Chartered Value Exchanges <http://www.ahrq.gov/qual/value/Incveover.htm>
- New grant program on the Science of Public Reporting <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-HS-12-004.html>.

Here is the link to this position: <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/325362800> which will be open until October 16. This is a Service Fellow position equal to a Civil Service GS 13 or 14.