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## **ADDRESSING AVOIDABLE REHOSPITALIZATIONS: THE STAAR PROJECT IN MICHIGAN**

October 2, 2009

8:30 – 10:00 AM (*coffee & networking at 8:00 AM*)

**Davenport University – Lettinga Campus**

6191 Kraft SE - Grand Rapids MI 49512

Hospital treatment is expensive enough as it is. Yet about 20% of patients around the nation are readmitted to the hospital within 30 days of discharge for conditions related to the original stay. Were all these readmissions needed? Does this vary by doctor and/or hospital? Why does rehospitalization occur? Wasn't the job done right the first time? Aren't there any guarantees? Do we have problems with discharge planning and coordination of care? Who pays the cost of the readmission?

The Commonwealth Fund recently launched STAAR (State Action on Avoidable Rehospitalizations), a pilot project in hospitals in three states - Michigan, Massachusetts and Washington - to study and improve the rates of avoidable readmissions for hospital care. MPRO (Michigan's Quality Improvement Organization) and the Michigan Health and Hospital Association's Keystone Center for Patient Safety & Quality are coordinating efforts among Michigan hospitals, which include the Spectrum Health System, Gerber Memorial Health Services in Fremont, Mecosta County Medical Center in Big Rapids and Pennock Health Services in Hastings.

Come to the October forum to learn more about the issue of rehospitalization. Will STAAR make a difference in quality and costs? What is its role in payment reform? Medicare is considering not paying for rehospitalization - what effects will that have? Will there be public reports on rehospitalizations? Should payment to providers be realigned with performance? How will patient care transitions be improved? Will other organizations involved in patient care transitions cooperate?

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