

CENTER FOR HEALTHCARE TRANSPARENCY

Healthcare Transparency Innovators Forum: “50 percent by 2020”

Overview

Through a national network of locally governed regional entities, the Center for Healthcare Transparency will ensure that meaningful and actionable information on the relative cost and quality of healthcare services is available to 50 percent of the U.S. population by 2020. The goal is to provide information on primary care and other providers to consumers, providers and purchasers to enable value-based healthcare decision-making.

Throughout the country in states like California, Colorado, Oregon, Minnesota, and Wisconsin, leaders have taken bold steps to publicly share cost, quality and patient experience information with employers, providers and the public. However, in many areas credible and actionable healthcare information is not available, and in others the available information is judged inadequate by many users. Even where transparency exists today, the information is not reported consistently across communities, regions or states, so apples-to-apples comparisons cannot be made.

What Is Actionable and Meaningful Healthcare Cost and Quality Information?

- Must be available to the public;
- Must describe and compare the cost and quality of healthcare provided by medical providers; and
- Must be useful for:
 - Public and private employers and other purchasers to inform healthcare purchasing decisions; **and/or**
 - Patients and family members, to inform decisions about their own health and healthcare, including selection of medical services; **and/or**
 - Providers to inform decisions to improve the cost and quality of healthcare within their own practices and as they choose other providers with whom to coordinate and

In response, the Center for Healthcare Transparency is developing an implementation plan to build on the successes of leading regional and statewide organizations already engaged in this work. CHT will identify the resources, partnerships and infrastructure needed to achieve the 50 percent by 2020 vision through a national network of locally governed organizations. The CHT five-year implementation plan will identify essential elements of achieving transparency on cost and quality performance, opportunities for more efficient production of data and measures, and how to expand the availability of needed information across a wider geography.

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Healthcare Transparency Innovators Forum Purpose

On October 8th and 9th (with an evening Welcome Reception the 7th), 2015 the Center for Healthcare Transparency will bring together 30 transparency innovators with experience accessing, managing, analyzing and privately or publicly reporting healthcare data for working sessions in San Francisco. The purpose of this collaborative planning event is to:

1. Gather feedback on the Center for Healthcare Transparency's draft plan to achieve the "50 percent by 2020" goal, including the "must haves" that regional or statewide entities would need to deliver to participate in CHT's initiative and potential benefits of participation.
2. Begin to identify regional or statewide entities that would be strong candidates to contribute to this national strategy for transparency by joining CHT's proposed network and publicly reporting on quality, cost and/or patient experience in a consistent way across the US.

The Center for Healthcare Transparency will incorporate this input into its Implementation Plan and strategy for recruiting regional and state entities to join its national network

The two-day event will include plenary sessions and smaller working groups. Leaders in innovation – within and outside of healthcare – will lead the plenary sessions to stimulate and inspire discussion. Small workgroups will discuss the "must haves" identified by the Center for Healthcare Transparency, the extent to which they are currently in place in different markets, and, should funding become available in 2016, what assistance participants might need to reach the proposed "must haves" between now and 2020.

Participants: Who Should Apply?

Interested individuals can apply to attend the Forum by responding to a brief application [here](#). Up to 30 people will be selected by the Center for Healthcare Transparency. Travel and accommodations for selected participants will be paid by the Center for Healthcare Transparency.

The 30 transparency innovators should be from entities with regional or statewide reach that either have experience analyzing and reporting healthcare performance information or are attempting to launch such efforts. These organizations, regions or states will have existing building blocks in place - or will be energetically working toward them – that allow them to access, analyze and/or produce public information from claims, clinical and/or patient experience data across payers and providers. Preference will be given to applicants from multi-stakeholder governed nonprofit or government organizations.

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The selected transparency innovators will include:

- Leaders of multi-stakeholder initiatives that currently publicly report physician or medical practice level quality, cost, and/or patient experience information in their regions or states; and
- Leaders of multi-stakeholder initiatives that are aggressively building the capability to access and publicly report physician or medical practice level quality, cost, and/or patient experience information in their regions or states within the next four years.

Achieving the 50 percent by 2020 vision will truly be a “team sport” and the Center for Healthcare Transparency encourages applications that represent a team of stakeholders (e.g., state agencies such as Medicaid, entities managing all payer claims databases (APCDs) or health information exchanges (HIEs), Regional Extension Centers (RECs), business coalitions, patient or consumer groups, etc.) working together within a defined state or region. Applicant organizations/initiatives could be led by a public-private partnership, led by public sector entity with engagement from multiple stakeholders, or led by a nonprofit multi-stakeholder organization.

For more information about this event, please see responses to *Frequently Asked Questions* [here](#). The FAQs will be updated periodically as additional questions are asked.

Please also feel free contact the Center for Healthcare Transparency Team at cht@nrhi.org and visit our website at (need link).