

NRHI Launches Payment Reform Series

PORTLAND, Maine. – *January 27, 2015* – The [Network for Regional Healthcare Improvement](#) (NRHI), a leader in transforming U.S. health care through community-based, multi-stakeholder, public-private efforts, announced today that it has launched the NRHI Payment Reform Series. This series, supported by funding from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF), will consist of a group of papers that address a broad range of issues affecting multi-payer, multi-stakeholder efforts to change how care is paid for in regions and states across the country. The launch of the [NRHI Payment Reform Series](#) will provide insight on how several communities are moving from volume to value, which is timely in light of yesterday’s Department of Health and Human Services announcement on payment redesign.

“There are essential elements that are needed for payment reform to work. We need transparency—meaningful information about cost, quality and the patient experience, and a comprehensive total cost of care approach to understand why costs are higher in different communities. For payment reform to work, all of the key stakeholders in the system must work in tandem, and in many regions in the country, our members—Regional Health Improvement Collaboratives—are the ideal partners for this implementation,” says Elizabeth Mitchell, President and CEO, NRHI.

The first paper in the series, [Moving from Quality to Value: Measuring and Controlling the Cost of Health Care](#), is authored by Harold Miller, President & CEO, Center for Healthcare Quality and Payment Reform, Elizabeth Mitchell, President & CEO, and Dianne Hasselman, Senior Director of Strategic Programs, NRHI. This paper will be followed by papers that tackle the daunting challenges facing healthcare stakeholders who are implementing payment reform.

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About NRHI

The Network for Regional Healthcare Improvement is a national organization representing regional multi-stakeholder groups working towards achieving the Triple Aim of better health, better care, and reduced costs through continuous improvement. NRHI and all of its members are non-profit organizations, separate from state government, working directly with physicians, hospitals, health plans, and patients using data to improve health care. For more information, visit us on the web at www.nrhi.org. Follow NRHI on Twitter at @RegHealthImprov

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