

NRHI Supports HHS' Accelerated Move to Better Care, Smarter Spending and Healthier People

PORTLAND, Maine. – *January 26, 2015* – The [Network for Regional Healthcare Improvement](#) (NRHI), a leader in transforming U.S. health care through community-based multi-stakeholder, public-private transformation efforts, supports Health and Human Services Secretary Sylvia Burwell's announcement today to move the Medicare program toward measurable payment reform goals and a timeline for paying providers based on the quality and value - rather than the quantity - of care they give patients. This national aim must be supported by local and community-based public-private partnerships – such as those already established by [Regional Health Improvement Collaboratives](#) – as a critical pathway for success by enabling clinicians to effectively manage the health of their populations and to be paid accordingly.

“[Regional collaboratives](#), like those comprising NRHI's network, have extensive experience and lessons learned from communities across the U.S. about how transformation of care and payment *really* happens on-the-ground. We stand ready to partner with and contribute to the Learning and Action Network to take our local successes to scale at a national level,” Elizabeth Mitchell, President and CEO, NRHI.

“As a [Regional Health Improvement Collaborative \(RHIC\)](#), we know first hand what it takes to build alignment among payers and in partnership with providers and all stakeholders. We also serve as a trusted neutral source of data and a catalyst for change. Progress moves at the speed of trust - that's the critical ingredient that we cultivate at the local level through investing in personal relationships, learning programs, and collaboration year after year after year,” Mylia Christensen, Executive Director of [Oregon Health Care Quality Corporation](#) and Board Chair of NRHI.

Another key enabler of payment change is making meaningful and transparent information on cost and quality readily available to consumers and employers. NRHI's [Center for Healthcare Transparency](#), in partnership with the Pacific Business Group on Health, and with support from the Laura and John Arnold Foundation, is leading the country in this ambitious effort to lay the groundwork for greater transparency and potential to transform our healthcare system by making information on the relative cost and quality of healthcare services consistently and easily available for 50% of the US population by 2020.

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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

About Oregon Health Care Quality Corporation

The Oregon Health Care Quality Corporation is an independent, nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the quality and affordability of health care in Oregon by leading community collaborations and producing unbiased information. We work with the members of our community – including consumers, providers, employers, policymakers and health insurers – to improve the health of all Oregonians. For more information, visit www.Q-Corp.org or follow us at @OR_QualityCare.

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