

Transforming Clinical Practice Initiative: NRHI's Support and Alignment Network for High-Value Care

In September 2015, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Innovations (CMMI) awarded \$685 million to 39 national and regional collaborative healthcare transformation networks and supporting organizations to provide technical assistance support to help equip more than 140,000 clinicians with tools and support needed to improve quality of care, increase patients' access to information, and spend dollars more wisely. The Transforming Clinical Practice Initiative (TCPI) is one of the largest federal investments uniquely designed to support clinician practices through nationwide, collaborative, and peer-based learning networks that facilitate practice transformation.

The Network for Regional Healthcare Improvement (NRHI)—a national network of 35 regional health improvement collaboratives - is one of the 39 TCPI partners. As such, NRHI will identify and elevate the local innovations of RHCs to a national level to move practices toward greater value and alternative payment methodologies.

Specifically, NRHI will:

- Use its expertise in performance measurement to help the TCPI align around common measures and initiatives for the CMS' Merit-based Incentive Program (MIP);
- Identify regional strategies that advance high-value care that can qualify for the clinical practice improvement components of MIP and maintenance of certification programs;
- Leverage NRHI's communication infrastructure and tools - including the Collaborative Health Network, the HealthDoers on-line platform, NRHI's newsletters, summits, and social media strategies - to assist with TCPI provider recruitment, promotion, and dissemination of learnings; and
- Engage NRHI's network of RHCs and their networks of employers, providers, consumers, and plans in advancing transformation and alternative payment methodologies.

NRHI's informal partners include its national network of 35 regional health improvement collaboratives (RHICs). RHICs are non-profit, multi-stakeholder organizations working in their regions and collaborating across regions to transform the healthcare delivery system and achieve the Triple Aim. RHICs work directly with providers, provider organizations, commercial and government payers, employers, consumers, and other healthcare related organizations.

NRHI's formal partners in this work include:

- Minnesota's Institute for Clinical Systems Improvement;
- Minnesota Community Measurement;
- Pittsburgh Regional Health Initiative
- Massachusetts Health Quality Partners;
- Maine Quality Counts;
- Oregon's Health Care Quality Corporation;
- Cleveland's Better Health Partnership; and
- The American Board of Medical Specialties;

Specific areas high-value care that will be part of NRHI's technical assistance include:

1. Understanding and using total cost of care analyses;
2. Care management and care transitions;
3. Adding and engaging patients and families;
4. Reducing unnecessary tests and hospitalizations through Choosing Wisely; and
5. Patient-centered coordinated homes.