

Who are NRHI’s Regional Health Improvement Collaboratives?

As of early 2016, NRHI’s network of regional health improvement collaboratives (RHICs) consists of approximately 35 organizations across the nation and extending into 25 states in the country. Some states have more than one RHIC, and some RHICs span multiple states. Nineteen are statewide, and 15 are regional.

NRHI’s network includes 11 of the 13 Medicare Qualified Entities; five all-payer or “almost all-payer” claims databases; five Quality Improvement Organizations/ Networks; and five health information exchanges (HIEs). Ten of the RHICs are currently or have been *Choosing Wisely* grantees, and three are Practice Transformation Networks (PTNs) in the *Transforming Clinical Practices Initiative*. Nine of NRHI’s members are partners in AHRQ’s Centers of Excellence for Patient Centered Outcomes Research.

Funding for RHICs is diverse. Some are primarily employer-funded, and some are primarily member-funded. The majority, however, are funded by a mix of stakeholders that can include the following: employers, members, health systems, health plans, state government, and the federal government. Many RHICs supplement funding through grants or contracts.

The Network for Regional Healthcare Improvement (NRHI)

is a national organization of more than thirty-five member regional health improvement collaboratives (RHICs) across the United States. These multi-stakeholder organizations are working in their regions and collaborating across regions to transform the healthcare delivery system to improve the patient experience of care, including quality and satisfaction; improve the health of populations; and reduce the per-capita cost of healthcare.

Table 1. Specific Areas of Expertise

Area of Expertise	RHICs that are leaders in this area	
Measuring and reporting Total Cost of Care	Center for Improving Value in Health Care HealthInsight Utah Integrated Healthcare Association Maine Health Management Coalition	Midwest Health Initiative Minnesota Community Measurement Oregon Health Care Quality Corporation
Practice coaching/ transformation into medical homes	Better Health Partnership California Quality Collaborative Finger Lakes Health Services Agency Iowa Healthcare Collaborative	Kansas City Quality Improvement Consortium Maine Quality Counts Oregon Health Care Quality Corporation
Employer engagement and value-based purchasing	Center for Improving Value in Health Care Kentuckiana Health Collaborative Maine Health Management Coalition	Pacific Business Group on Health Washington Health Alliance
Medicaid and the safety net	Better Health Partnership Louisiana Health Care Quality Forum New Jersey Health Care Quality Institute	Pittsburgh Regional Health Initiative
Palliative and end of life care	Center for Improving Value in Health Care The Health Collaborative HealthInsight Utah	New Jersey Health Care Quality Institute Pittsburgh Regional Health Initiative
Behavioral health integration	Institute for Clinical Systems Improvement Maine Quality Counts Pittsburgh Regional Health Initiative	
Reducing disparities in care	Better Health Partnership Minnesota Community Measurement	
Payment reform	Integrated Healthcare Association Maine Health Management Coalition	
Patient engagement and patient experience	Greater Detroit Area Health Council Maine Quality Counts Massachusetts Health Quality Partners	North Coast Health Information Network