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Iowa Healthcare Collaborative receives Transforming Clinical Practice Initiative award
Collaborative network will join federal government and other partners in supporting large-scale health care transformation among clinician practices

DES MOINES, IA – Iowa Healthcare Collaborative is one of 39 health care collaborative networks selected to participate in the Transforming Clinical Practice Initiative, announced today by Health and Human Services Secretary Sylvia M. Burwell. Iowa Healthcare Collaborative and its partners will receive up to \$32.5 million during the four-year initiative to provide technical assistance support to help equip clinicians in six states – Iowa, Georgia, Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma and South Dakota – with tools, information, and network support needed to improve quality of care, increase patients’ access to information, and spend health care dollars more wisely.

“Supporting doctors and other health care professionals change the way they work is critical to improving quality and spending our health care dollars more wisely,” said Secretary Burwell. “These awards will give patients more of the information they need to make informed decisions about their care and give clinicians access to information and support to improve care coordination and quality outcomes.”

As a Practice Transformation Network (PTN), the Iowa Healthcare Collaborative and its partners across six states will operate as the Compass Practice Transformation Network. Compass PTN will support over 7,000 clinicians to expand their quality improvement capacity, learn from one another, and achieve common goals of improved care, better health, and reduced cost.

The network will provide direct quality improvement support in primary and specialty clinical practice settings to equip clinicians in executing best-practice medicine, engaging patients as equal partners in their care. In driving real-time, measureable improvement strategies, Compass PTN will help participating clinicians meet the initiative’s phases of transformation and associated milestones, clinical and operational results.

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These awards are part of a comprehensive strategy advanced by the Affordable Care Act that enables new levels of coordination, continuity, and integration of care, while transitioning volume-driven systems to value-based, patient-centered, health care services. It builds upon successful models and programs such as the Hospital Value-Based Purchasing Organization Program, Partnership for Patients with Hospital Engagement Networks, and Accountable Care Organizations.

For more information on the Transforming Clinical Practice Initiative, please visit:
<http://innovation.cms.gov/initiatives/Transforming-Clinical-Practices/>

The Iowa Healthcare Collaborative (IHC) is a provider-led and patient-focused nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting a culture of continuous improvement in healthcare. IHC's mission is exceptional healthcare in Iowa.

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