Small Health Care Provider Quality Improvement Grant Program

Presentation to Rural Health Clinics

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Outline

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Background

- Authorized under the Public Health Service Act, Title II, Section 330A(g) in 2002

- IOM report, "Quality Through Collaboration: The Future of Rural Health", released in November 2004

- FY 2006: 15 awards (up to $50,000/year for 2 years)

- FY 2008: 55 awards (up to $75,000/year for 2 years)

- FY 2010: 58 awards (up to $100,000/year for 3 years)

Purpose

- Assist rural primary care providers with implementation of quality improvement strategies

- Promote evidence-based culture

- Coordinated delivery of care

- Improved health outcomes for patients

- Enhanced chronic disease management

- Better engagement of patients and caregivers

Eligibility

Organizational Eligibility

- Rural public or rural non-profit private entity that delivers health care services
- ALL rural RHCs and CAHs are eligible

- Geographic Eligibility:
  - Non-metro county or in a rural census tract of a metro county
  - All services must be provided in a non-metro county or rural census tract
  - Check eligibility at: http://datawarehouse.hrsa.gov/RuralAdvisor/RuralHealthAdvisor.aspx

Funding Preferences

- ## Health Professional Shortage Area
  - Applicant located in an officially designated health professional shortage area (HPSA)
  - http://datawarehouse.hrsa.gov/GeoAdvisor/ShortageDesignationAdvisor.aspx

- ## Medically Underserved Community/Populations
  - Applicant located in a medically underserved community (MUC) or serves medically underserved populations (MUPs)
  - http://datawarehouse.hrsa.gov/GeoAdvisor/ShortageDesignationAdvisor.aspx

- ## Primary Care and Wellness
  - Project must focus on primary care, and wellness and prevention strategies
  - Submit document stating that this is the funding preference

Consortium or Network

- NOT required, but strongly encouraged

- Align with other 330A Programs

- May need to collaborate/form partnerships to participate in payment and incentive programs

Application Requirements

- Propose an evidence-based quality improvement model

- Must have implemented HIT by the time of award

- Work Plan

- Evaluation Plan

- Logic Model

- Sustainability Strategy

Program Expectations: Year 1

- Complete implementation of HIT needed for data collection

- Implement quality improvement model

- Train staff (data collection and QI model)

- Begin collecting, validating, and testing data

- Perform tests of change (PDSA)

- Report baseline data 6 months after start date

Program Expectations: Years 2 & 3

- Continue reporting data

- Use data to guide quality improvement activities

- Submit final sustainability plan by end of year 2

- Identify another chronic disease or condition during year 3

Resources

- **Quality Improvement**
  - HRSA Office of Health Information Technology and Quality (OHITQ): http://www.hrsa.gov/quality/index.html; http://www.hrsa.gov/quality/toolbox/

  - Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) http://www.ahrq.gov/

  - Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI) http://www.ihi.org/

Resources

- HIT
  - HRSA OHITQ http://www.hrsa.gov/healthit/index.html
  - Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) http://healthit.hhs.gov/

- Work Plans and Logic Models
  - CDC http://www.cdc.gov/cancer/nbccedp/training/workplans/
  - Kellogg Foundation http://www.wkkf.org/knowledge-center/resources/2006/02/WK-Kellogg-Foundation-Logic-Model-Development-Guide.aspx

RHC Grantees

- 2008-2010
  - Fairfield Medical Associates – Fairfield, SC
  - McCloud Healthcare Clinic – McCloud, CA
  - San Juan Healthcare – Friday Harbor, WA
  - Summers County Clinic (Appalachian Regional Healthcare) – Hinton, WV
  - Superior Medical Center (Brodstone Memorial Hospital) – Superior, NE

RHC Grantees

- 2010-2013
  - Advanced Healthcare Clinic (Advanced Healthcare Medical Center)
  - Atlantic Medical Center (Cass County Memorial Hospital) – Atlantic, IA
  - Lamar Medical Clinic (Prowers Medical Center) – Lamar, CO
  - Primary Care Inc - Mio, MI
  - Telluride Medical Center – Telluride, CO

How to Apply

- Download Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) at www.grants.gov

- Announcement number HRSA-13-159

- Applications due in grants.gov **January 30, 2013**

- Applicants may request $150,000/year for up to three years

- Expected start date: September 1, 2013

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