



Accelerating Regional Efforts to Support Medical Home Transformation in the Safety Net

Is your practice on its way to becoming a patient-centered medical home? Want help?

[The Commonwealth Fund](#), [Qualis Health](#), and the [MacColl Institute for Healthcare Innovation](#) have just launched a new initiative to help primary care safety net clinics become high-performing patient-centered medical homes.

Four Regional Coordinating Centers (RCCs) will be selected for this national demonstration project. Each RCC is expected to establish partnerships with 12-15 safety net clinics that provide comprehensive primary care services to vulnerable populations in their region. RCCs will receive expert technical assistance on practice redesign topics such as enhanced access, care coordination, and patient-centeredness. They will also receive \$500,000 to support a Medical Home Facilitator (who will lead clinic-based quality improvement projects) and other activities.

The Initiative calls for partnerships between safety net providers and community stakeholders to work together towards a new model of primary care delivery that is recognized and rewarded for its holistic approach to patient care. Policy activation is critical in this transformation, and all partners in this initiative are expected to participate in Medicaid and other policy reform efforts in their respective regions.

Who Should Apply

Any entity engaged in health or social services that can build partnerships with safety net providers is eligible for this initiative. Examples of RCCs include, but are not limited to:

- Community clinic consortia
- Professional affiliations of safety net providers/practices
- State Primary Care Associations
- Community health center (CHC) corporations
- Community hospitals with outpatient services
- Management Services Organizations
- State Medicaid agencies
- Medicaid managed care plans
- Public health departments
- Regional healthcare alliances
- Area Health Education Centers

Regional Coordinating Center Applications Available Now

Application packages can be downloaded from: <http://www.qhmedicalhome.org/safety-net/index.cfm>. Applications are due on November 3, 2008.

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