Health Center-Controlled Network Grant Program

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HRSA defines a Health Center-Controlled Network (HCCN) as “a network controlled by and acting on behalf of the health center(s), as defined and funded under Section 330(e)(1)(C) of the Public Health Service (PHS) Act, as amended.”

- Many HCCNs have been in existence 10 years or more
  - Some are newer (e.g., PCAs that have become HCCNs)

- HCCNs have received HRSA funding through several successive grant programs
  - Recent focus on improving quality through health information technology (health IT)
FY13 HCCN Grant Goals

• Aim: Improve health care quality through health IT

• Specifics goals (and accompanying measures):
  • To advance adoption and implementation of electronic health records (EHRs)
  • To promote participation of eligible providers in the CMS EHR incentive program commonly known as “Meaningful Use”
  • To improve quality of care through achieving:
    • Healthy People 2020 goals on quality measures reported in UDS
    • Recognition by health centers as Patient-Centered Medical Homes
FY13 HCCN Grants

• Scope of grant program
  • 43 HCCN grantees
    • 750 participating health centers
    • 3,100 clinical sites
    • 12,000 clinical providers
    • 12 million patients/families served
  • Approximately $21 million/year (across all grantees)
    • Currently in year 2 of 3 year project period
    • Minimum 10 participating health centers per grantee (range: 10 – 37)

• Other characteristics
  • 23 are also Primary Care Associations (PCAs)
  • 3 are ONC-funded Regional Extension Centers (RECs)
    • Many more are partners with their local RECs
Types of Projects

• Health IT adoption and analytics
  • Approx. 90% have EHRs in at least some of their sites, almost 80% have EHRs across all of their sites
  • Developing platforms for data aggregation and analysis, including establishing connections to HIEs and developing clinical decision support

• Use of health IT for broader initiatives
  • Practice transformation (e.g., approx. 41% of participating health centers are PCMH-recognized)
  • Meaningful Use

• Use of health IT to better serve safety net
  • Coordination of enabling services
  • Incorporation of non-medical data (e.g., behavioral, dental, transportation, school, housing, etc.)
HCCNs and Million Hearts

- HCCNs are free to focus on particular quality measures (among those reported in the Uniform Data System)
  - Several have chosen to focus on hypertension control, diabetes, and/or smoking cessation measures
- HCCNs with projects related to Million Hearts
  - Health Center Network of New York
  - Community Health Access Network (New Hampshire)
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