



Advancing Practice Transformation in Ambulatory Practices *Award Announcement*

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Overview

- MHCC released an *Announcement for Grant Applications* in May to identify a Care Transformation Organization (CTO) to engage eligible primary care and specialty practices (practices) in a practice transformation program (program)
- Grant objectives include:
 - Prepare practices to deliver efficient, high quality care while improving health outcomes
 - Lay the foundation for practices to provide team-based, patient-centered care, and efficient use of health information technology (health IT)
 - Support the broad goals of the Total Cost of Care Model by readying practices to participate in emerging advanced care delivery models

Funding

- Up to \$500,000 available to complete specific milestones over 24 months
- Participating CTOs can earn grant payments of up to \$9,800 per practice
- Practices in the program receive quarterly payments of \$250 (\$1,000 participation maximum) for completing a quarterly program assessment questionnaire
- The grant does not require a financial match

Milestones

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Practice Transformation Initiative (TCPI) model serves as the framework for Milestones 1 and 3, the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology, Workflow Redesign Template, provides the framework for Milestone 2

- Milestone 1 - Readiness Assessment (\$800/per practice)
- Milestone 2 - Workflow Redesign (\$2,000/per practice)
- Milestone 3 - Training (\$7,000/per practice)
 - Includes 7 TCPI modules

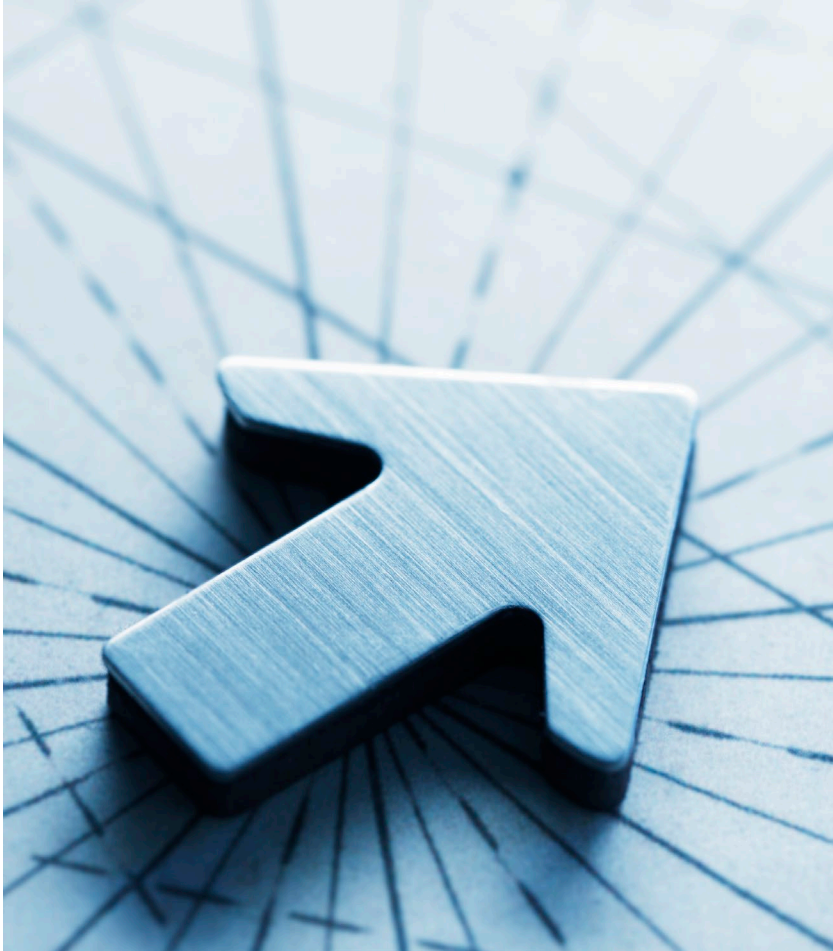
Applications and Awardee

- 10 CTOs responded to the grant announcement
 - CTOs identified approximately 400 practices to assess their interest in participating in the program
 - Grant funding supports transformation of up to 50 practices
- A review panel selected MedChi CTO (MedChi)
 - An additional CTO award is possible if the 50 practice recruitment target is not achieved

A Word About MedChi CTO

- The largest non-hospital CTO in the MDPCP program: 25 practices
- Participated in the *CMS Practice Transformation Network Cooperative Agreement*, which collaboratively led practices through the transformation process using the TCPI model: 836 providers/109 practices
 - A partnership between MHCC, MedChi, and the Department of Family and Community Medicine at the University of Maryland School of Medicine (2016-2019)

Next Steps – 120 Day View



- Complete administrative award activities
- Schedule program kick-off meeting
- Begin the 60-day practice recruitment period
- Practice selection and notification
- Initiate Milestone 1 - Readiness Assessment activities

Appendix





Milestone 1

Readiness Assessment

- CTOs will identify where a practice is along the continuum of practice transformation, and guide development of a practice specific training plan using the TCPI Assessment
- Key assessment categories include:
 - Person and family-centered care
 - Continuous, data-driven quality improvement
 - Sustainable business operations

Milestone 2

Workflow Redesign

- Examine existing practice workflows with a focus on resolving bottlenecks and pain points
- Develop workflows that support coordinated care across the care team
- Work collaboratively with practice leadership to implement new workflows reflective of the unique processes at each practice

Milestone 3

Training

- Guide practices through the CMS TCPI Seven Support Change Package Modules including:
 - TCPI Power Packs consist of actionable solutions to resolve practice-specific transformation challenge
- Training sessions may be virtual, in-person, or a hybrid model



Milestone 3

Training (Continued)

- Group training sessions of up to five practices
 - Include key practice staff and physician champion
- Practices complete a quarterly program assessment questionnaire to inform training activities and report on transformation progress