

CHIPRA QUALITY DEMONSTRATION GRANT:



South Carolina chose categories:

CHIPRA Indicators:

Category A – Experiment with, and evaluate the use of, new measures for quality of Medicaid/CHIP children’s health care

EHRs:

Category B – Promote the use of Health Information Technology (HIT) for the delivery of care for children covered by Medicaid/CHIP

Medical Home/Behavioral Health:

Category C – Evaluate provider-based models which improve the delivery of Medicaid/CHIP children’s health care services

Focus of SC Grant



South Carolina believes that children will achieve the best health **outcomes** when they receive care through an **integrated medical home** that addresses all their health needs—both physical and mental—and participates in continuous **quality improvement efforts**.

The South Carolina grant has four key goals:

- **Quality:** demonstrate that newly-developed quality indicators can be successfully utilized in pediatric practices;
- **Technology:** share key clinical data through a statewide electronic quality improvement network;
- **Innovation:** develop a physician-led, peer-to-peer quality improvement network; and
- **Pediatrics:** expand the use of pediatric medical homes to address mental health challenges of children in our state.

Focus of SC Grant



QUALITY

- Pursuit of National Committee for **Quality** Assurance (NCQA) Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH) certification by all participating practices.
- Collection of CHIPRA **Quality** Measures.
- Utilization of Learning Collaboratives and the “Plan, Do, Study, Act” **quality** improvement cycle

Focus of SC Grant



TECHNOLOGY

- Providing primary care physicians with **HIT tools** that will allow them to track their patients outcomes



- **Technology** and the generated reports will allow the practices to compare their performance to others.

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INNOVATION

- **Providing behavioral health tools** to primary care physicians (such as standardized mental health screening tools, academic detailing and coordination with mental health providers).
- **Increasing linkage** of organizations and resources with practices to provide additional resources.
- Statewide **Learning Collaboratives** integrate and support all QTIP initiatives.

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PEDIATRICS

- Selection of **pediatric** practices of a **heterogeneous** mix
- Working with the **pediatric** practices on becoming a NCQA **medical home**
- Expanding the **mental health services** available in a **pediatric** setting
- Establishing a **quality improvement team** within the **pediatric** setting to implement and review quality measures.

Planned Methods to Accomplish our Goals

- Learning Collaboratives
- HIT assistance/development
- Monthly contact (blog, phone)
- Peer-based technical assistance site visits
- Incentive payments
- Tools that will support improved patient outcomes:
 - Quality report feedback
 - The SCORxE program (academic detailing)
 - Behavioral health integration
 - Enhanced care coordination
 - Peer-to-peer comparisons
 - Quality improvement cycles
- Evaluation