CHIPRA QUALITY DEMONSTRATION GRANT:

QtIP

Quality through Technology and Innovation in Pediatrics

South Carolina Department of Health & Human Services
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.
Focus of SC Grant

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.
Focus of SC Grant

PEDIANRICS

– 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