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Colleagues:

Welcome to QTIP! We hope that in total you'll find your participation in this demonstration project valuable to both you and the children you care for. Our expectation is that we will jointly sort through methodology that improves the efficiencies of our practices and enhances the well-being of children in our state. As you know, QTIP (Quality through Technology and Innovation in Pediatrics) focuses on 4 areas:

1. the CHIPRA Quality Improvement Indicators,
2. the use of electronic technology in providing quality,
3. the innovation of a statewide pediatric learning collaborative that is
4. focused on behavioral and physical health in pediatrics.

Our project is one of ten funded under the Child Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act, but is unique in its composition. Our quality improvement efforts are comprehensive, one of the first attempts to use electronic health records as a primary data source and have an emphasis on grassroots control. We think this later aspect is one of the more exciting components of the project; the opportunity for pediatricians to tell us, and by reflection, the entire medical community how quality improvement efforts work in a real-life situation. On a more concrete level, we're attempting to accommodate the need for modern practices to be certified as a pediatric medical home and for pediatricians to meet their maintenance of certification requirements.

This project couldn't be done without the help of offices like yours. We are humbled by the number of pediatricians and their office staff who are willing to work with us on a process yet untried. Thanks immensely for your support and we promise to do our very best to make this a worthwhile endeavor for all involved.

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