

Abstract

Project Title: Practice Transformation project

Application Organization Name: Valley View Hospital

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Type of Entity: A not-for-profit 501(c)(3) rural acute care hospital

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Valley View Hospital (VVH) is a rural acute care hospital located in Western Colorado. In 2014, VVH led a group of rural hospitals in creating the Community Care Alliance (CCA). The CCA is now an established network focused on providing population health management services to its members.

The VVH and CCA Practice Transformation Project (PTP Project) addresses HRSA's stated ***Second Statutory Charge*** to "Expand access to, coordinate and improve the quality of essential health care services" through ***Topical Area #1***: "Integrated health networks will collaborate to expand access to and improve the quality of essential health care services by focusing on projects and/or network activities directly related to the evolving health care environment." The PTP Project will use awarded funds to:

1. Increase the quality and transparency of care provided by Network member organizations.
2. Improve the quality and safety of healthcare provided through the greater coordination of services provided by Network member organizations
3. Improve the health information technology capabilities and functionalities of Network member organizations
4. Transition the two MSSP ACOs from Track 1 (no risk) to Track +1 or Track 2 MSSP ACOs (assume risk).

The PTP Project will achieve these goals through activities that increase the Network Members' capabilities for quality reporting, providing advanced care coordination, including motivational interviewing in care coordination, using a centralized care planning platform. The PTP Project will culminate with the creation of a behavioral health integration curriculum and the two Network-managed ACOs transitioning to tracks that assume risk.

The PTP Project will result in a decrease in our communities' Medicare beneficiaries' total cost of care, emergency department utilization and readmissions. An additional result will be developing the capabilities of our network members to the point where the network's ACOs would be ready to assume risk.

The Valley View Hospital is requesting a funding preference based on two funding qualifications: Qualification 1: HPSA; and Qualification 3: Focus on primary care and wellness and prevention strategies. All of the counties included in the Network service area are considered Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs) and are focusing on primary care. Additionally, the Network and its members are focusing on primary care and wellness and prevention strategies through the PTP Project.