



State Innovation Model (SIM)

January 30, 2015

Alliance formed to improve care for high-risk, low-income patients with mental illness

Data Analytics Vendor Contract

The Department of Human Services (DHS) is seeking a qualified contractor who can help the Department in providing technical assistance in the area of data analytics to new and existing Medicaid accountable care organizations participating in its Integrated Health Partnership (IHP) demonstration and the Minnesota Accountable Health Model. The contractor will provide consultative services to DHS related to ongoing improvements in the provision of information to IHPs and will provide technical support as needed by IHP providers in their efforts to identify opportunities for cost and care transformation.

The contract is anticipated to last for up to 2 years, with a 1 year term and a renewal option for year 2.

A copy of the full RFP (termed an "Event" within SWIFT) can be found through SWIFT using the Supplier portal.

- Event Name: DHS/Data analytics of ACO performance reports
- Event ID: H5501-2000003523

All responses to this RFP must be submitted through SWIFT. Training and documentation on how to submit your response is available through the Supplier portal link above.

You can find companion pieces to the RFP on the [Minnesota Accountable Health Model website](#).

Proposals must be received in SWIFT by February 27, 2015 at 4:00 pm CST.

The [Minnesota Accountable Health Model](#) is funded through a grant awarded to Minnesota by the federal government. The grant is part of the State Innovation Model (SIM) Initiative through the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI).

Practice Facilitation Grant Program

The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) requests proposals for the Minnesota Accountable Health Model (SIM) Practice Facilitation grant program. Approximately \$1,016,000 is available to fund two to five practice facilitation projects.

The goal of these projects is to support a range of providers and teams in primary care, behavioral health, social services, long term and post-acute care, or accountable care organizations or similar models to allow team members to participate in transformation activities that help remove barriers to care integration.

An organization's ability to implement practice facilitation services must be demonstrated through the organization's capacity, experience and/or contracted relationships in place. The staff or contractors must be qualified through experience to do practice facilitation with primary care, behavioral health, social services, long term and post-acute care services, and accountable care organizations or similar models.

Letters of Intent are required and due February 3, 2015 at 4:00 pm CST.

Applications are due March 3, 2015 at 4:00 pm CST.

You may access a copy of the complete [request for proposal](#) on the [Minnesota Accountable Health Model – SIM Minnesota website](#).

Quarterly Task Force Meetings

Beginning in 2015, the Minnesota Accountable Health Model Community Advisory Task Force and Multi-Payer Task Force will meet quarterly. In addition to regular meetings Task Forces may choose to supplement with additional meetings in-person or via webinar.

SIM Joint Community Advisory and Multi-Payer Alignment Task Force Webinar

Date: Tuesday, March 3, 2015

Time: 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm, Central Daylight Time

[Register for this webinar](#)

SIM Community Advisory Task Force Meeting

Date: Wednesday, March 18, 2015

Time: 9:00 am – 12:00 noon, Central Daylight Time

Location: Amherst H. Wilder Center, 451 Lexington Parkway N., St. Paul, MN 55104

SIM Multi-Payer Alignment Task Force Meeting

Date: Wednesday, March 18, 2015

Time: 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm, Central Daylight Time

Location: Amherst H. Wilder Center, 451 Lexington Parkway N., St. Paul, MN 55104

Save the Date: **“Moving Forward Together: Building Healthy Minnesota Communities”**

The Minnesota Department of Health - Health Care Homes Division, Department of Human Services and Minnesota Accountable Health Model – SIM Minnesota will be holding a Learning Days conference in spring 2015.

Dates: May 12-14, 2015,

Where: River's Edge Conference Center, St Cloud, MN.

Keynote: Dr. Jeffrey Brenner, Camden Coalition of Healthcare Providers, Camden, New Jersey.

The conference is an opportunity for Minnesota health care home providers, State Innovation Model grantees, and community partners to gain new knowledge, form relationships, and exchange information about integrating health care, behavioral health, long-term and post-acute care, local public health, social services and consumers. The first day of the conference is a half day focusing on the State Innovation Model (SIM), with two tracks dedicated to SIM grantees only and two tracks with a SIM focus, but open to all conference attendees. The second day is a full day open to all attendees and will focus on both Health Care Homes (HCH) and SIM topics. Day three is a half day open to all attendees with a focus on Health Care Homes topics.

Conference registration and exhibitor registration is scheduled for March 2015.

The Conference is sponsored by [Minnesota Department of Health - Health Care Homes](#); [Minnesota Department of Human Services](#); and the [Minnesota Accountable Health Model, State Innovation Model \(SIM\) Grant](#). The Conference is coordinated by the [National Rural Health Resource Center](#).

Minnesota transforms care through coordination and integration

The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) awarded \$194,768 to ten primary care, behavioral health and social service organizations committed to practice transformation and the integration of care.

The six-month grants range from about \$18,000 to \$20,000.

They will fund activities such as:

- redesign clinical systems,
- develop new data collection or management tools,
- implement new procedures,
- enhance quality improvement systems and
- use facilitators to build team involvement.

For example, a provider could use their grant to help overcome barriers to coordinating care between medical, behavioral health, social services or other health related services. Limited staffing often makes it challenging for providers to access community resources. However, with additional staff, training, data tools or new workflows providers can focus on a team approach that involves case management, tracking patients through registries and providing effective referrals. A key goal of this grant effort is to promote communication between different service providers and empowering consumers to maximize their health.

The selected organizations cover a large geographic area, including the Twin Cities metro area, surrounding suburbs and rural settings.

- Native American Community Clinic, Minneapolis
- Guild, Inc., St. Paul
- Zumbro Valley Health Center, Rochester
- University of Minnesota Db Community University Health Care Clinic (CUHCC), Minneapolis
- Sanford Luverne Clinic, Luverne
- Well Being Development, Ely
- Dakota Child and Family Clinic, Burnsville
- Murray County Medical Center, Slayton
- South Lake Pediatrics, Minnetonka
- South Metro Human Services, St. Paul

Minnesota's \$45 million State Innovation Model (SIM) grant makes these Practice Transformation grants possible. MDH and Department of Human Services (DHS) jointly received the federal grant in 2013 and are using funds to implement the [Minnesota Accountable Health Model](#). Practice Transformation projects must support the broad goal of the Minnesota Accountable Health Model to help its providers and communities work

Privacy, Security and Consent Management for Electronic Health Information Exchange Grant Program awards \$200,000 to Gray Plant Mooty.

The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) awarded a \$200,000 grant to Gray Plant Mooty for work on Part A of the [Privacy, Security and Consent Management for Electronic Health Information Exchange Grant Program](#). They will focus on review of e-health legal issues, analysis and identification of leading practices for privacy, security and consent management for health information exchange (HIE). The intent of this grant program is to support health care professionals, hospitals and health settings in using e-health to improve health, increase patient satisfaction, reduce health care costs and improve access to the information necessary for individuals and communities to make the best possible health decisions. This funding will further support readiness to advance the Minnesota Accountable Health Model and Accountable Communities for Health.

The grant program's goals include:

- Ensuring health care professionals from hospitals, behavioral health, long-term and post-acute care, local public health and social services have access to the knowledge and tools required to use, disclose and share health information in a safe and secure manner.
- Ensuring that health care professionals across the care continuum have access to education and technical assistance on privacy, security and consent management practices that are based on both the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) and Minnesota statutes.
- Identifying opportunities for
 - improvement in current patient consent processes for the release of protected health information required for health information exchange
 - access to education and technical assistance for health care professionals, hospitals and health settings on how to implement leading practices to enable safe and secure electronic health information exchange across multiple and diverse health care settings for the purpose of care coordination activities

This includes, but is not limited to, consistent and uniform policies and procedures.

Minnesota's \$45 million State Innovation Model (SIM) testing grant made these awards possible. The MDH and the Department of Human Services (DHS) jointly received this federal grant in 2013 and are using the funds to help implement the Minnesota Accountable Health Model. The model helps providers and communities work together to reduce costs and create healthier futures for Minnesotans. It supports community and provider partnerships, team care, care coordination, Accountable Care Organizations, payment reform and health information technology investments.

The Minnesota Accountable Health Model will further test and evaluate whether investments in e-health, data analytics used for population health and HIE can accelerate the movement of health care providers and organizations to shared cost, shared savings or Total Cost of Care (TCOC) arrangements.

In addition, these investments build upon and align with the vision of the Minnesota e-Health Initiative to accelerate the adoption and use of health information technology (HIT) in order to improve health care quality, increase patient safety, reduce health care costs and improve public health. Built on the 2015 Interoperable Electronic Health Record (EHR) mandate, these e-health investments can move all providers to adopt and use e-health to support participation in the Minnesota Accountable Health Model.

For more information about the grant program and the State Innovation Model testing grant please visit the [Minnesota Accountable Health Model-SIM Minnesota website](#). For more information about e-Health please visit the [Minnesota e-Health website](#).



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