



## State Innovation Model (SIM)

April 25, 2014

### SIM Minnesota RFP Round up

Minnesota's SIM project currently has three active RFPs related to emerging professionals, e-health grants, and e-health roadmaps. Learn more at the [RFP web page](#).

Applications for emerging professions integration grants due June 5

The goal of the Minnesota Emerging Professions Integration Grant Program is to foster the integration of emerging professions – Community Health Worker, Community Paramedic, and Dental Therapist/Advanced Dental Therapist – into the workforce in roles that support the broad goals of the Minnesota Affordable Health Model related to providing coordinated care, across settings, for complex patients, populations and models of accountable care. Up to \$180,000 will be available, for six grants of up to \$30,000 each, to support the integration of an emerging professional. Eligible applicants are any type of organization that has the capacity to employ an emerging professional. Applications are due June 5, 2014. An informational call will be held Thursday, May 1, 2014, 2:00-3:00 p.m. (call-in number: 1-888-742-5095, passcode: 6353794742). For more information, contact Will Wilson 651-201-3842.

Minnesota e-Health Roadmaps to Advance the Minnesota Accountable Health Model RFP

The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) requests proposals to develop and disseminate Minnesota e-Health Roadmaps to Advance the Minnesota Accountable Health Model (e-Health Roadmaps) for the settings of long-term and post-acute care, local public health, behavioral health, and social services. Each e-Health Roadmap will describe a path forward and a framework for a setting to enable providers to effectively use e-health to participate in the Minnesota Accountable Health Model (<http://www.mn.gov/sim>)

There is up to \$600,000 available to be distributed competitively through the e-Health Roadmap Request for Proposal (RFP).

Key Dates

May 5, 2014: Written questions due to MDH

May 16, 2014: Non-binding Letters of Intent to Respond due to MDH

June 19, 2014: Proposal due to MDH

SIM Minnesota receives letters of intent for e-Health grants

As of March 27, 2014, the Minnesota Accountable Health Model e-Health Grant Program received a total of 32 non-binding letters of Intent to Respond to an e-Health grants RFP. The deadline for submitting a grant proposal is May 5, 2014. You can still submit a grant proposal, even if you have not submitted a letter of intent. [Staff has put together an FAQ](#).

The e-Health grants will support secure, seamless, and real-time exchange of medical or health-related information between organizations that want to participate in the Minnesota Accountable Health Model.

The grants will help partners communicate across different settings, such as clinics, hospitals, long-term care, behavioral health, social services, and local public health. The end goal of the data sharing is to give providers the information they need to identify opportunities to improve health and care coordination.

Up to \$4 million is available for the following:

- **Development (12-month projects):** Up to \$75,000 per grant
- **Implementation (12-18 month projects):** Up to \$1,000,000 per grant

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## Job opportunity

Learning Collaborative Coordinator

Visit the jobs page to learn about Minnesota's SIM Learning Collaborative Coordinator position.

[http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/idcplg?IdcService=GET\\_DYNAMIC\\_CONVERSION&RevisionSelectionMethod=LatestReleased&dDocName=SIM\\_Jobs](http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/idcplg?IdcService=GET_DYNAMIC_CONVERSION&RevisionSelectionMethod=LatestReleased&dDocName=SIM_Jobs)

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## Events

Minnesota rural health conference

**This year's conference will include sessions on the partnerships so important** in health care today, operational effectiveness, patient engagement, and tools and resources across an array of rural health care topics. The Minnesota Rural Health Conference features innovative, local and state solutions to challenges while encouraging informed and visionary leadership for the future. Everyone interested in rural health is welcome to join us June 23-24, 2014 in Duluth at the Duluth Entertainment and Convention Center (DECC).

<http://minnesotaruralhealthconference.org/>

Understanding ACOs in Minnesota May 9

The Minnesota Accountable Health Model, a joint effort between the Department of Human Services (DHS) and the Department of Health (MDH), funded by a testing grant from the State Innovation Model (SIM) Initiative through the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI). The goal of the Minnesota Accountable Health Model is to use these funds to drive health care reform in the state and to test new ways of delivering and paying for health care. One of the strategies in achieving this goal is expanding and accelerating the Accountable Care Organization (ACO) or ACO-like models.

This presentation will provide:

- ACO or ACO-like model overview
- **ACOs' link to the Minnesota** Accountable Health Model
- Introduction to Medicaid ACO models in Minnesota

Presenters: Marie Zimmerman, Health Care Policy Director, and Mathew Spaan, Agency Policy Specialist, Minnesota Department of Human Services

Registration is required: <https://health-state-mn-ustraining.webex.com/health-state-mn-ustraining/k2/j.php?MTID=tf8371f35c40be01f5096db9d1b229ca4>

2014 Minnesota e-Health Summit: ONC Chief Dr. Karen DeSalvo Will Keynote

The National Coordinator for Health Information Technology, Dr. Karen DeSalvo, has been confirmed as the opening keynote speaker for the 10th Annual Minnesota e-Health Summit on June 11-12, 2014.

Registration is now open for the two day event that will explore optimizing the use of EHRs and other health IT to connect health information to transform health care and public health. Plan to join us to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the Minnesota e-Health Initiative.

The registration deadline is June 4, 2014. Visit Minnesota e-Health Summit to download the brochure with more information. <http://www.health.state.mn.us/e-health/summit/summit2014.html>

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## National SIM News

Can we play?

The National Council for Behavioral Health has created a boardgame infographic to help explain how behavioral health organizations **might benefit if they "Play the Game of ACO."** <https://www.thenationalcouncil.org/topics-az/accountable-care-organizations/>

Minnesota featured in a national prevention financing report

Minnesota is one of the states highlighted in a recent report by National Academy for State Health Policy. The report looks at how leading states are approaching community-based prevention initiatives by bridging the health care delivery and public health systems. The report, Financing Prevention: How States are Balancing Delivery System & Public Health Roles, is available at <http://nashp.org/>

IOM identifies 17 social and behavioral factors to collect in EHRs

The Institute of Medicine has identified the top social and behavioral areas that should be addressed in electronic health records to improve health outcomes and advance public health research efforts. The findings are available in the IOM report: Capturing Social and Behavioral Domains in EHRs at <http://www.iom.edu/Reports/2014/Capturing-Social-and-Behavioral-Domains-in-Electronic-Health-Records-Phase-1.aspx>

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