



State Innovation Model (SIM)

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Minnesota transforms care through coordination and integration

The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) is awarding \$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 of clinical systems,
- development of new data collection or management tools,
- implementation of new procedures,
- enhance quality improvement systems and
- utilize 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 DbA 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 together to create healthier futures for Minnesotans. This is the first of four rounds of practice transformation grants from the **Minnesota's SIM initiative**.

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