



State Innovation Model (SIM)

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Minnesota Accountable Health Model Practice Facilitation Grant Awards

The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) is awarding \$966,601 to two organizations to provide practice facilitation services to primary care and behavioral health providers within the state of Minnesota. Combined, the two awardees could serve between 30-40 organizations in Minnesota.

Practice facilitation is provided by individuals or a team of people with expertise and skills in organizational assessments, project management, and the tools to move organizations toward more quality, efficiency, cost effectiveness, engagement by the consumer, and improvement in population health.

The two organizations receiving awards for practice facilitation are:

- Institute for Clinical Systems Improvement (ICSI) /Stratis Health, Bloomington, Minnesota, \$473,913
- National Council for Behavioral Health, Washington, D.C., \$492,688

ICSI/Stratis Health will provide practice facilitation to 10 to 15 primary care and specialty clinics to expand the numbers of patients who are served by team-based integrated/coordinated care in Minnesota. They will work with participating provider organizations to identify project goals and measures in relationship to the targeted areas of: total cost of care; health care homes; integration of health care with behavioral health, social services, long term care and post-acute care services; integration of non-physician health care team members, expanded community partnerships; health IT; and chronic care management.

The National Council on Behavioral Health will provide practice facilitation services for up to 25 care teams from these two organizations: the MN Association for Community Health Centers - Federally Qualified Health Center (MNACHC-FQHC) and the MN Association for Community Mental Health Providers (MACMHP). Ten of these organizations will be in rural and underserved communities. The practice facilitation initiative will guide participants through elements of infrastructure development, including health information exchanges and options for financial sustainability, designing efficient and effective care delivery systems, and enhancing patient experience. Each of the participating teams will identify at least two community partners such as hospitals, social services organizations, or facilities providing long-term care and/or post-acute care services.

Each organization will establish a recruitment process for selection of organizations interested in participating in practice facilitation activities. The recruitment process is scheduled to occur during the summer and fall of 2015. Funding for the grantees to provide practice facilitation services is available through the end of December of 2016.

Minnesota's \$45 million State Innovation Model (SIM) grant makes these Practice Facilitation 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 Facilitation 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.

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