

Diabetes Management & Outcomes Improvement Grant

Northeast Health Partners (NHP) is the regional accountable entity contracted by the Colorado Department of Health Care, Policy, and Financing (HCPF) to provide oversight of behavioral and physical health care for all Health First Colorado (Medicaid) members attributed to Region 2. Region 2 spans the northeast corner of the state and includes Cheyenne, Kit Carson, Lincoln, Logan, Morgan, Phillips, Sedgwick, Washington, Weld, and Yuma counties.¹ NHP is committed to the delivery of high quality, whole-person care and holds the strong belief that local communities are in the best position to make the changes that advance the health and quality of care for its members. For this reason, NHP is pleased to announce a funding opportunity for local primary care medical providers (PCMPs) contracted with NHP, healthcare professionals/organizations and/or public health departments who serve Region 2 Medicaid members. NHP will award grants to selected entities who propose innovative and novel approaches to improve diabetic care, management, and outcomes for adult Medicaid members attributed to Region 2.

Funding Opportunity:

NHP will fund up to 3 (three) grants ranging between \$60,000-\$75,000, based on available funding, and for a one-year project duration. To be considered for a grant, interested organizations must provide health services or supports to Medicaid members attributed to Region 2. Organizations need to complete the Diabetes Management & Outcomes Improvement Grant application to identify innovative ways to improve care delivery, management, and/or health outcomes for diabetic members. Proposals can include support for new or existing programs, and preference will be given to applications that utilize data and apply evidence-based practice(s).

Focus Areas:

The purpose of the Diabetes Management & Outcomes Improvement Grant is to promote innovation to improve diabetic outcomes such as prevention and early detection, access to care, self-management and health maintenance, and better health service utilization. NHP will accept applications focused on a wide range of strategies which aim to enhance member care. Examples include the following:

- Strategies to increase access to clinical care;
- Effective methods to address local health disparities and social determinants of health in diabetic care and management;
- Multi-disciplinary projects linking behavioral and physical health to improved outcomes;
- Innovations in care delivery, such as eConsults, telehealth, remote patient monitoring;
- Innovations in early detection and management;
- Strategies to increase engagement in preventative care and wellness; and/or
- Reductions in potentially avoidable costs.

Impacts:

Proposals should be based on data with clearly defined interventions focusing on addressing the problems surfaced by the data. Proposals should also have clearly defined impacts related to the proposed interventions. Proposals should connect outcomes to interventions and identify data sources and methods to show outcomes.

¹ <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/hcpf/accphase2>

Criteria:

To be considered for the Diabetes Management & Improvement Grant, organizations must meet the following criteria:

- Deliver health services and support that assist Medicaid members within Region 2.
- Complete an application, which clearly demonstrates an effective strategy to improve the health and health care of Medicaid members, with clear and measurable outcomes.
- Outline how the proposed strategies and programs will be completed within a one-year time frame and with Diabetes Management & Improvement Grant dollars.

Scoring:

Scoring will be based on the ability to impact adult Medicaid members, the ability to use data to show impacts, the ability to successfully execute and manage the project, budget appropriateness, and the sustainability of the project beyond the funding period.

Grant Deadlines:

Completed Diabetes Management & Improvement Grant applications must be submitted online by Friday, June 18th, 2021 for consideration. The application can be found online. Selected grantees will be announced on Friday, July 16th, 2021. Awardees will receive a funding commitment letter with information about the support offered by Northeast Health Partners. Awardees will be required to review the letter for accuracy, sign, and return to NHP within one week of receiving the letter.

On-line Application:

https://nhp.sjc1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_e8mjzfkS4Mxp96C

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