

Patient Centered Medical Home Information Packet

Senators Mike Gloor and John Wightman

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Quotes

“The triple aim of Patient Centered Medical Home is to provide health care that results in happier, healthier patients by providing more efficient and better coordinated, more holistic care. Doing so is proving to save money in program after program across the United States.” Senator Mike Gloor

“This type of reform is best accomplished with a private and public collaboration. Medicaid and Medicare are moving this direction so this reform is already beginning to be paid for with public funds. In order for Patient Centered Medical Home to flourish in Nebraska we need the private side of insurance to provide opportunities as well. Similar to a rowing team, if all the team members work together, we reach the goal much faster.”

Senator John Wightman

“The future of quality, cost effective healthcare resides in patient centered medical homes and this agreement is proof that medical providers, the State and insurance providers in Nebraska can work together to improve the lives of our citizens.” Dr. Steve Lazoritz, Arbor Health Plan

“The Kearney Clinic has transformed to a PCMH over the last 2-1/2 years and I have witnessed a change that improves the care of patients, reduces cost, and improves satisfaction. It enables us to truly practice preventive care and better manage chronic disease.” Dr. Ken Shaffer, Kearney Clinic

“As a member of the Governor's PCMH task force I am excited about the new legislation to facilitate 10 PCMH practices per year for the next 2 years as part of the PCMH agreement with health insurers. This process working with private insurers can only benefit our patients and move to a quality based care system. I am also excited regarding the standardization of the quality measures which will reduce the administrative burden for the family physicians of our state and create the proper incentives for our practices.” Dr. Robert Wergin, American Academy of Family Physicians

Patient Centered Medical Home Grant Summary

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Nebraska is participating in the “4th State Consortium to Advance Medical Homes in Medicaid and CHIP: Building Primary Care Infrastructure Through Public-Private Medical Home Pilots” facilitated by the National Academy of State Health Policy.

The primary focus of the Consortium is to assist states in reaching goals to plan, build and strengthen multi-payer medical home initiatives. With generous support from the Commonwealth Fund, NASHP is providing 18 months of technical assistance to the states involved. Nebraska, along with Montana, Pennsylvania and West Virginia have been meeting with and learning from other public and private entities working to build PCMH.

To support the PCMH agreement announced today, Nebraska individuals on the grant team are working to build a Nebraska learning collaborative, to provide technical assistance to Nebraska clinics and to educate employers about the benefits of requesting PCMH structures within their company insurance plans. This core team is committed to continuing to build PCMH availability and quality through collaborating with health care providers and public and private insurance entities.

The lead team members for the grant are: Margaret Kohl, Legislative Aide to Senator Gloor; Dr. Bob Rauner, SERPA ACO and Health Lincoln; Dr. Deb Esser, Coventry Health Care of Nebraska; Corrina Suiters and Dr. Steve Lazoritz, Arbor Health Plan.