



## CMS Medicare QIN–QIO Initiative

# PARTNERS IN PRACTICE FOR HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

### Provider Agreement Form

The entity below is voluntarily entering into an agreement to participate in the Partners in Practice for Healthy Communities Learning and Action Network (LAN), part of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Medicare Quality Innovation Network (QIN)–Quality Improvement Organization (QIO) Initiative.

The Carolinas Center for Medical Excellence (CCME), a member of the Atlantic Quality Innovation Network (AQIN) and the QIN-QIO for South Carolina, invites you to join other physician practices across the state to improve patient-centered care, promote effective prevention and treatment of chronic diseases, and make care more affordable. The Partners in Practice for Healthy Communities LAN will focus on clinical quality improvement, physician quality reporting, and using an electronic health record (EHR) to track and improve cardiac, diabetic, and preventive health.

Our goal is to improve patient care and support your practice as it prepares for CMS pay-for-performance initiatives. The AQIN South Carolina team will provide education and technical assistance to you and your staff on quality improvement implementation to assist your efforts in obtaining Patient Centered Medical Home (Standard 6) certification or Meaningful Use Phase II completion.

#### Provider Statement of Agreement

Our facility will participate in the Partners in Practice for Healthy Communities LAN. We understand the expectations for this project, and agree to meet the requirements outlined below.

We, \_\_\_\_\_ [name of practice] agree to:

1. Participate in at least one of the following programs: [Check all that you are interested in]

<input type="checkbox"/> Improving Cardiac Health	<input type="checkbox"/> Improving Care Coordination
<input type="checkbox"/> Improving Diabetic Health	<input type="checkbox"/> Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS) and Value-based Payment
<input type="checkbox"/> Improving Prevention Coordination through Meaningful Use and HIT	
2. Publicly disclose participation in the Partners in Practice for Healthy Communities LAN.
3. Participate in educational programming and use resources provided through July 31, 2019.
4. Share effective strategies for patient self-management.
5. Share practice-level data with the AQIN South Carolina team and the collaborative participants. The data shared with the collaborative will be presented protecting the practices' anonymity.
6. Send data to the AQIN South Carolina team at regular intervals as determined by AQIN and the practice. Conducting quality improvement interventions may necessitate more frequent data submission, as often as monthly, depending on the measures chosen. Data sent to the AQIN South Carolina team may also be included in reports to CMS.

7. Attend a monthly collaborative call to discuss current measure rates with other collaborative members and to share HIT best practices to improve use of preventive services, cardiac health, and diabetic health.

AQIN agrees to:

1. Assist practices with benchmarking and provide comparison reports.
2. Assist practices with using the registry and care management functions of their EHRs.
3. Assist practices with interpreting EHR data and reporting to identify and address disparities in care.
4. Provide educational programming, best practices, and intervention tools including approaches to promote patient and family engagement to improve patient health and self-efficacy.
5. Assist in identifying and promoting best practices and success stories.
6. Provide opportunities for *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits*<sup>™</sup> for eligible providers.

### Confidentiality Statement

*Under federal regulations, a health care quality improvement initiative is considered a quality review study as defined in 42 CFR Section 480.101(b) as being "an assessment, conducted by or for AQIN, of a patient care problem for the purpose of improving patient care through peer analysis, intervention, resolution of the problem and follow-up." Further, federal regulations in 42 CFR Section 480.140 protect the identities of individual patients, practitioners, and institutions that participate in such studies, and prohibits, with few exceptions, AQIN from disclosing any specific information about their work on quality review studies. AQIN cannot disclose information or data about participants in a quality review study to any party unless the information identifies only physicians, other practitioners, or practices, and those parties must consent to the release of information.*

I have verified the above information, read the program expectations outlined by AQIN, and by signing below, declare our practice's commitment to participate and publicly disclose participation in the Partners in Practice for Healthy Communities LAN.

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Print Name and Title of Authorized Practice Representative

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Authorized Practice Representative Signature

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Date

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Practice Tax ID #

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Group NPI #

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Print Name and Title of AQIN (QIN-QIO) Representative

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AQIN (QIN-QIO) Representative Signature

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Date

Please indicate your commitment to quality and your willingness to participate in the Partners in Practice for Healthy Communities LAN with the AQIN South Carolina team by completing, signing, and returning this form to:

