National Home-Based Primary Care Learning Network

Submission Deadline: April 24, 2020

The *National Home-Based Primary Care Learning Network* is an 8-month-long participatory quality improvement learning experience offered to **10 home-based primary care practices from across the country.**

- Do you want to improve the care you are providing in your practice?
- Do you want to promote a culture of better care and continuous learning in home-based primary care?
- Do you want to be part of a vanguard movement to create a community of quality and raise the field of home-based primary care?

If so, **apply to join the *National Home-Based Primary Care Learning Network***, led by Drs. Christine Ritchie and Bruce Leff, supported by the American Academy of Home Care Medicine and the Home-Centered Care Institute, and funded by the John A. Hartford Foundation.

The Learning Network will:

- Provide transformational strategies and coaching support to help home-based primary care practices implement quality improvement principles and demonstrate high-value care.
- Help practices and clinicians connect and build a community in a practice-based learning network so they can together ask and answer important questions that work toward the goal of improving the care they provide and raise the field of home-based primary care.
- Facilitate use of quality data collection strategies, which employ quality indicators appropriate for home-based primary care patients, and allows practices to benchmark their performance.
- Make available to physicians a quality improvement activity that provides an opportunity for American Board of Internal Medicine (ABIM)-certified physicians to earn 20 maintenance of certification (MOC) points on an annual basis.

The 8-month Learning Network experience will start with an in-person meeting on the evening of September 24th and all-day on September 25, 2020 and conclude with an in-person meeting in April 2021, in Baltimore, MD.

Before the Learning Network kick-off meeting in September 2020, practices will be asked to conduct guided self-assessments and complete web-based exercises.

Participants will have access to a specialized web-based Learning Network forum on the Network website. Teams will complete an initial assessment of their current practice, identify opportunities for improvement, and will work between learning sessions to meet their aims.

Between in-person meetings, the Learning Network will facilitate a series of videoconference interactive learning sessions, technical assistance, and access to web-based quality improvement tools.

Practices will work together to pose and collectively answer important health care questions related to the field of home-based primary care and apply their findings to their work in the Learning Network.

Benefits of Participation:

- Access to experts in home-based primary care & quality improvement principles
- Interaction with a community of committed home-based primary care providers and practices
- Exchange of tools and best practices among Learning Network members
- Participant growth in continuous improvement learning skills
- Contribute data to advance the field of home-based primary care
- Visibility as innovators in the field of home-based primary care & opportunity to participate in research & dissemination
- Ability of internal medicine or geriatric medicine ABIM diplomates to accrue (MOC) points for participation in quality improvement activities

Eligibility:

- Minimum practice staff: Physician, Nurse Practitioner, or Physician Assistant "Champion", and a Practice Administrative Leader / Manager
- Support from Practice/Organizational Leadership: Application requires a Letter of Support from Leadership confirming leadership support for practice participation and sharing of quality improvement data (if practice is part of a health system, letter from health system leadership; if practice is free-standing, letter from member of executive leadership of the practice)
- Commitment to continuous learning and practice improvement

Practice Commitments:

- One clinician serving as Learning Network Project Champion
- Presence of Project Champion and Practice Administrative Leader/Manager at both face-to-face meetings
- Coverage of transportation expenses to Baltimore meetings. (Hotel and meal costs will be covered by the Learning Network)
- Commitment to engage in quality improvement activities for 8-months including quality measure data collection on a monthly basis for one calendar year and data entry into the registry or data collection tool
- Participation in monthly Learning Network quality improvement activities, videoconference webinars, and face-to-face meetings
- Collaborative spirit and full participation in Learning Collaborative evaluation activities

Questions? Contact Dr. Orla Sheehan, osheeha1@jhmi.edu

To Apply:
1. **Please complete the on-line application form here:**
   https://hms.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_ctCNnrwVTW77Jgp
2. **Submit letter of support (You can upload it in the application form above OR email it to Naomi Gallopyn ngallopyn@mgh.harvard.edu)**

Applications will only be reviewed if we receive a completed application form which includes a letter of support.