

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
OFFICE OF THE HEALTHCARE ADVOCATE
STATE INNOVATION MODEL PROGRAM MANAGEMENT OFFICE**

**REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS (RFA)
Advanced Medical Home Vanguard Initiative**

SECOND Addendum

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Note to applicants: NCQA is engaged in an effort to substantially redesign the process of PCMH Recognition. They intend to begin piloting aspects of this redesign, including a more personalized and collaborative phased review process, with practices this summer. The Connecticut SIM Program Management Office and NCQA are excited that the pilot activities align well with the timing of CT's Advanced Medical Home program and expect the first wave of CT practices to be able to take advantage of the process redesign. More information on NCQA's redesign effort can be found <http://www.ncqa.org/Newsroom/Statements/PCMHIdeas.aspx>.

The SIM PMO's official responses to questions submitted as of April 1, 2015 are as follows:

1. Are there any exclusions for medical group participation?

Response: Medical groups can be part of the initiative if they fit the criteria of an Advanced Network, as defined on page 8 of the RFA:

“Advanced Networks are defined as independent practice associations, large medical groups, clinically integrated networks, and integrated delivery system organizations that have entered into shared savings plan (SSP) arrangements with at least one payer. This definition includes entities designated as Accountable Care Organizations for the purpose of participating in Medicare's SSP.”

2. Our medical group has achieved PCMH, NCQA Level 3 certification and is in the process of being recognized for Stage 2 with Meaningful use. Can our medical group be part of this initiative?

Response: Eligible practices must meet the following criterion from page 8: “Not currently recognized under an existing national medical home standard including NCQA 2011 or 2014. Practices that have NCQA 2008 are permitted to apply.”