

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

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

SEVENTH Addendum

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1. The State Innovation Model Program Management Office is currently enrolling practices and currently projects enrollment of approximately 40 practices by July 2015. Our goal is to recruit 50 practices.

The SIM PMO is extending the deadline for the Advanced Medical Home Vanguard Program RFA from June 30, 2015 to Friday, July 31, 2015 at 3:00PM in order to allow time for additional applications. The application period may close prior to the new deadline if the PMO receives completed applications that meet all eligibility criteria area and enable the SIM PMO to achieve the target combined total of 50 practices.

2. Effective immediately, the SIM PMO is extending eligibility for **the Advanced Medical Home Vanguard Program to independent practices.**

In order to accommodate this change, the following changes are being made to the Request for Applications:

SECTION II, F, page 8:

Added language underlined:

“Eligible applicants must be an Advanced Network with primary care practices that meet the above qualifications or an independent primary care practice that meets the above qualifications.”

“One or more Advanced Networks will be selected, along with their affiliated practices, as well as a select number of independent practices, (target total of 50 practices) to participate in this program.”

SECTION II, J, page 9:

Added language underlined:

“The Application contains three parts. Part 1 and 2 must be completed by the Advanced Network. Part 3 must be completed by each primary care practice that is being proposed to be part of the program. All three parts of the application, including Part 3 applications, must be compiled by the advanced network and submitted as a complete package electronically to the attention of Mark Schaefer, at email address mark.schaefer@ct.gov.

If you are an independent practice, you only have to complete Part 3 of the Application. In addition to Part 3 of the Application, the applicant should include this additional information in the body of the email to mark.schaefer@ct.gov:

Name & Title of Single Point of Contact for Practice: _____

E-mail address of Contact Person: _____

Telephone Number of Contact Person: _____

Total Number of Clinicians in the Practice: _____

List which of the following types of patients your practice provides care to: (Medicare, Medicaid, Commercial, Self-pay/Uninsured)

Please indicate if and which of the following the practice expects to make changes to over the next year:

Organization ownership / closure

Electronic health record system

Administrative office location

Practice management software

If yes to any, please explain:

SECTION III, A, page 11:

Added language underlined:

Evaluation Criteria. The PMO will review applications for completeness. Applicants will be reviewed for:

- a. The date and time the application was submitted
 - b. Completeness and quality of the application including:
 - i. Questions answered in full;
 - ii. All three parts of the Application completed and submitted by the advanced network, or Part 3 of the Application completed and submitted by the independent practice applying;
 - iii. Responses sufficient to allow the PMO to determine whether the applicant has met the established eligibility and criteria.
3. The State Innovation Model Program Management Office is providing an option for an accelerated transformation process under the AMH Vanguard program. Practices participating in this accelerated process would aim to complete NCQA application submission by December 2015. Practices in this "fast track" would be expected to continue participation in the AMH Vanguard program after December 2015 until they have completed all AMH requirements, including Planetree Bronze Recognition.

We believe that this option is appropriate only for practices with a high state of readiness, moderate level of advancement, and substantial organizational support. The level of effort required of practices participating in the "fast track" will be significantly greater than the recommended 15 month program and application submission for NCQA recognition by December is not assured. If you are interested in considering this option, please contact Michele Kelvey-Albert at Qualidigm (860.227.2673, MAAlbert@qualidigm.org) as soon as possible, but no later than July 6th. Participation is on a first come, first served basis and is limited to a total of 20 practices. This option is expected to begin July 15th.