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The Wisconsin Collaborative for Healthcare Quality (WCHQ) Joins the Compass Practice Transformation Network

The Wisconsin Collaborative for Healthcare Quality (WCHQ) has joined the Compass Practice Transformation Network (Compass PTN) as one of its partner organizations. The Compass PTN was founded by the Iowa Healthcare Collaborative (IHC) as part of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Transforming Clinical Practice Initiative (TCPI) to provide hands-on quality improvement support and peer-based learning networks to clinicians for the purpose of developing the skills and tools needed to improve care delivery and prepare for successful performance in the value-based healthcare environment.

The Compass PTN is one of 29 Practice Transformation Networks that aims to engage more than 7,000 clinicians across Georgia, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Minnesota and Wisconsin who are committed to improving health care quality, safety and outcomes for patients. As part of this federally-funded initiative, participating clinicians and practices will receive quality improvement assistance and tools – at no cost. Key benefits for participating clinicians and practices include:

- Improve and optimize health outcomes and coordination for patients
- Report and improve quality and utilization scores
- Leverage Medicare Chronic and Transitional Care Management
- Learn how to best engage patients and families in care planning
- Gain access to proven change management tools
- Learn from and share best practices with other high-performing clinicians, practices and health systems
- Align with new and emerging federal and health plan policies and incentives
- Earn CME and MOC Part IV credit

The Wisconsin PTN will be led by Gabrielle Rude, PhD, director of practice transformation with WCHQ. Dr. Rude is very pleased to be working with the IHC on such an important initiative and is looking forward to the impact it will have in Wisconsin. As she stated, “We are thrilled to join a network that has demonstrated quality improvement and cost savings for participants. This is going to be a valuable endeavor for clinicians and their patients in Wisconsin”

Materials for this initiative will be available in the next few weeks. For more information or to find out if your organization is eligible to participate in the Wisconsin PTN, please contact Dr. Rude at 608-826-6840 or via email at grude@wchq.org

About the Wisconsin Collaborative for Healthcare Quality

Founded in 2003, the Wisconsin Collaborative for Healthcare Quality (WCHQ) is a voluntary, non-profit consortium of 36 organizations committed to using the public reporting of comparative measures of performance to catalyze improvements in the quality and affordability of healthcare in our state. To view our reports or to find out more about WCHQ, please visit our website www.wchq.org

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