

Do you like to be on the leading edge for implementing best clinical practices?

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) has awarded 10 of the 53 Quality Improvement Organizations (QIOs) nationwide with a contract to implement improvement projects specific to chronic kidney disease (CKD). *HealthInsight*, the Medicare Quality Improvement Organization (QIO) for Utah and Nevada, is seeking to partner with physician offices in this exclusive opportunity to improve care related to CKD. Selected practices will be working along with *HealthInsight* and community partners to improve CKD detection and treatment (timely testing for diabetics, ACE Inhibitor/ ARB prescription, and AV fistula placement).

As part of this project *HealthInsight* will convene leaders in primary care, nephrology, endocrinology, surgery, and other community leaders. We will assemble this task force/collaborative group to evaluate the current state of CKD care in the state, identify community specific interventions, and implement appropriately.

Benefits of participation:

- Ensure that your patients with diabetes receive optimal care by providing reminders about screenings and access to self-management support tools
 - Increase patient and family/caregiver involvement in self-management of their disease processes
 - Special support for early detection and treatment of chronic kidney disease (CKD) for patients at risk
- Access to free one-on-one consultation regarding CKD care management techniques from the *HealthInsight* team and a well-respected nephrologist
- Learn how to use internal reports to assist with
 - Population care management
 - Identification and tracking of patients at-risk for CKD
- Receive free consultation on workflow and process redesign
- Obtain technical assistance to diagnose underlying causes for gaps in care and assistance to build capacity for care management
- Receive local and national recognition

Requirements of participation:

- Complete participation form indicating your practice's commitment to actively participate in the project
- Complete an assessment of your practice's capabilities and current care processes
- Implement best clinical practices and care management processes related to the targeted topic areas
- Cooperate with specialists for the co-management of patients with CKD as appropriate
- Participate in a customer survey to assess your satisfaction with the assistance received from *HealthInsight*

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