

U.S. House and Senate Notification

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To: Congressional Health Staff

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Re: CMS Announces 4th Round of Community Based Care Transitions Program Participants

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) today announced 35 additional participants in the Community-based Care Transitions Program (CCTP). These 35 sites will join the 47 organizations already participating in the CCTP, bringing the total number of sites to 82. These participants will work with local hospitals and other health care and social service providers to support Medicare patients who are at increased risk of being readmitted to the hospital while transitioning from hospital stays to their homes, a nursing home, or other care settings.

With the addition of the participants announced today, the CCTP will provide care transition services to nearly 500,000 Medicare beneficiaries in 33 states across the country. Under the Affordable Care Act, the program may spend up to \$500 million over five years. Any future opportunities to apply will be posted to innovations.cms.gov/initiatives/Partnership-for-Patients/CCTP/.

The CCTP is part of the Partnership for Patients, a public-private partnership aiming to cut preventable errors in hospitals and reduce potentially preventable hospital readmissions. More information on the CCTP, including the participants announced today, is available at: <http://go.cms.gov/caretransitions>.

More information about the Partnership for Patients initiative is available at: <http://www.healthcare.gov/partnershipforpatients>.

Please contact the CMS Office of Legislation at 202-690-8220 if you have any questions. Thank you.