

U.S. House and Senate Notification

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Subject: Innovation Center Announces Initial Round of Care
Transitions Awards

Today, the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) announced the first round of awards for the Community-Based Care Transitions Program (CCTP), authorized by Section 3026 of the Affordable Care Act. The CCTP's goals are to reduce hospital readmissions, test sustainable funding streams for care transition services, maintain or improve quality of care, and document measureable savings to the Medicare program.

Today's awards went to seven community-based organizations. The CCTP is authorized to spend up to \$500 million through 2015. CMS is continuing to accept applications as funding permits.

The CMS Innovation center will also be holding a conference call on Tuesday, November 29th, from 1:00pm-2:30pm, to allow stakeholders to hear directly from some of the newly selected sites. CMS staff will also be available to answer questions. Call in #: (800) 837-1936
Conference ID: 29693317

The first site selections for the CCTP are available at the link below:
http://www.cms.gov/DemoProjectsEvalRpts/downloads/CCTP_FirstSiteSelections.pdf

For more information, please see the attached factsheet and visit:
<http://www.healthcare.gov/partnershipforpatients> or
<http://go.cms.gov/caretransitions>.

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