

Fact Sheet

What is *Partnership for Community Health*?

Partnership for Community Health is an initiative of Neighborhood Health Plan (NHP), Partners HealthCare and the Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers (“the League”) to support the state’s community health centers (CHCs) in their continued efforts to reduce barriers to access, promote health equity and organize care for patients in their communities.

What is the purpose of *Partnership for Community Health*?

In today’s health care environment – both in Massachusetts and across the country – providers, hospitals, health insurers, and others have been developing innovative models that will help to bend the health care cost curve, ensure the delivery of high quality care, improve care coordination, and deliver value in health care benefits.

As part of both NHP’s and Partners’ deep commitment to CHCs, *Partnership for Community Health* will provide grant funding for projects that will enhance and further support infrastructure improvements at CHCs. NHP and Partners sought input from NHP’s current Board of Directors, on which there are seven CHCs represented, in developing the initiative to ensure it would serve as a meaningful, sustainable investment in the CHCs.

How much grant funding is available?

In its first round of grants, *Partnership for Community Health* will provide a total of \$4.25 million in grants to the 49 CHCs that are members of the League to fund initiatives that will help prepare CHCs for patient centered medical home, state payment reform and federal health reform requirements. The initiative will provide up to \$90 million in grants over 15 years.

Who is eligible for *Partnership for Community Health* grants?

All of Massachusetts’ 49 CHCs that are members of the League will be eligible for *Partnership for Community Health* grants. Beyond the first round of grants, grants will be awarded through a competitive application process. Eligible projects must help CHCs prepare for patient centered medical home, state reform and federal health reform requirements.

About Neighborhood Health Plan

Neighborhood Health Plan (NHP), a Massachusetts-based not-for-profit corporation, is fully licensed by the Massachusetts Division of Insurance as a health maintenance organization and has provided comprehensive health services since 1986. An NCQA-accredited managed care organization, NHP serves MassHealth, Commonwealth Care, Commonwealth Choice, and fully insured commercial members across the Commonwealth. By working closely with the MassHealth program and commercial purchasers, and by partnering with community health centers and other providers, NHP grew rapidly from a few thousand members in the late 1980s to approximately 250,000 members today throughout Massachusetts. Headquartered in Boston, NHP serves members who have access to a provider network of more than 4,000 primary care practitioners, over 13,400 specialists, and 65 teaching, community, and specialty hospitals. Our network includes nationally known, major academic medical centers such as Massachusetts General Hospital, Brigham and Women's Hospital, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Children's Hospital Boston, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Tufts Medical Center, and major medical groups such as Atrius Health/Harvard Vanguard and Lahey Clinic. For more information, visit nhp.org.

About Partners HealthCare

Partners HealthCare is an integrated health care system, founded by Brigham and Women's Hospital and Massachusetts General Hospital, that offers patients a continuum of coordinated and high-quality care. In addition to its two academic medical centers, the Partners system includes community and specialty hospitals, a managed care organization, a physician network, community health centers, home health and long-term care services, and other health care entities. Partners HealthCare is committed to patient care, research, teaching, and service to the community. Partners is one of the nation's leading biomedical research organizations and is a principal teaching affiliate of Harvard Medical School. Partners HealthCare is a non-profit organization .

About the Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers

Established in 1972, the Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers ("the League") is the statewide association representing and serving the needs of the state's 49 community health centers through grassroots advocacy; technical assistance with state and federal health regulatory and policy issues; promotion and management of clinical quality initiatives; training and education for administrators, clinicians and board members; help with health center technology development; and work with local health advocacy organizations seeking to open health centers in their communities. The League also serves as an information source on community-based health care to policymakers, opinion leaders and the media.