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CCNC receives \$18.6 million Transforming Clinical Practice Initiative award
Collaborative network will join federal government and other partners in supporting large-scale healthcare transformation among clinician practices

Raleigh, NC – Community Care of North Carolina, Inc. (CCNC) is one of 39 health care collaborative networks selected to participate in the **Transforming Clinical Practice Initiative**, announced today by Health and Human Services Secretary Sylvia M. Burwell. CCNC will receive up to \$3.5 million in the first year of a four-year grant to provide technical assistance support to help equip clinicians in North Carolina with tools, information, and network support needed to improve quality of care, increase patients' access to information, and spend health care dollars more wisely.

“Supporting doctors and other health care professionals change the way they work is critical to improving quality and spending our health care dollars more wisely,” said Secretary Burwell. “These awards will give patients more of the information they need to make informed decisions about their care and give clinicians access to information and support to improve care coordination and quality outcomes.”

As a Practice Transformation Network, CCNC will help approximately 3,000 clinicians in independent medical practices and safety net clinics to expand their quality improvement capacity, learn from one another, and achieve common goals of improved care, better health, and reduced cost. The network will provide transformation coaches, quality improvement support and population health management development to help participating clinicians meet the initiative's phases of transformation and associated milestones, clinical and operational results.

“We're extremely pleased to receive additional resources in our ongoing mission to support practice improvement, especially for rural and safety net providers serving the poor, elderly, medically fragile and citizens living in rural areas of our state,” said CCNC, Inc. President and CEO L. Allen Dobson, Jr., MD. “Giving these practices new support and tools is key to meeting the current and future health needs of our state's most vulnerable populations and underserved communities.”

These awards are part of a comprehensive strategy advanced by the Affordable Care Act that enables new levels of coordination, continuity, and integration of care, while transitioning volume-driven systems to value-based, patient-centered, health care services. It builds upon successful models and programs such as the Hospital Value-Based Purchasing Organization Program, Partnership for Patients with Hospital Engagement Networks, and Accountable Care Organizations.

For more information on the Transforming Clinical Practice Initiative, please visit:
<http://innovation.cms.gov/initiatives/Transforming-Clinical-Practices/>

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About Community Care of North Carolina

CCNC's family of companies includes parent company CCNC, Inc. and NC Community Care Networks, a community-based, public-private partnership that creates "medical homes" in all 100 counties for north Carolina Medicaid recipients. The CCNC enterprise is dedicated to innovative approaches to population management that improve health and reduce costs, particularly for vulnerable populations. To learn how CCNC improves quality and saves millions of dollars every year, visit www.communitycarenc.org.

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