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Re: Million Hearts®: Cardiovascular Disease Risk Reduction Model Request for Applications

Million Hearts®: Cardiovascular Disease Risk Reduction Model (MH Model) supports both the Million Hearts' goal to prevent one million heart attacks and strokes and CMS' objective to identify and spread better models of care delivery and payment. This model aims to improve quality while maintaining budget neutrality for Medicare beneficiaries ages 18-79 who have not had a previous heart attack or stroke. CMS is accepting applications for the Million Hearts® CVD Risk Reduction Model. The model will operate for five years and aims to enroll over 300,000 Medicare beneficiaries and 720 practices to determine individuals' risk for heart attack and stroke. The Million Hearts®: CVD Model seeks a diverse range of practices—varying in size, patient case mix, and other patient demographic factors. An example of the types of practices eligible to apply to participate in the Million Hearts®: CVD Model include but are not limited to:

- General/family practice, internal medicine, geriatric medicine, multi-specialty care, nephrology or cardiovascular care.
- Private practices (must be more than one provider per practice), community health centers and other community-based clinics, hospital-owned physician practices, or hospital/physician organizations.

Approximately 720 practices will be selected from the pool of eligible applicants.

Application materials in addition to Project Overview, Press Release, Fact Sheet, Letter of Intent site, Request for Application site, Sample Request for Application, Application Portal and Frequently Asked Questions can be accessed at: <http://innovation.cms.gov/initiatives/Million-Hearts-CVDRRM/>.

Webinar: Million Hearts: Cardiovascular Disease Risk Reduction Model - Model Overview, Application Overview & Question and Answers:

<http://innovation.cms.gov/resources/mhcvdrmm-overview.html>

- Letters of Intent to apply must be submitted electronically between May 28, 2015 and September 10, 2015 11:59 pm EDT.
- Applications must be submitted electronically between July 10, 2015 and September 10, 2015 11:59 pm EDT.

A complete, detailed description of the Request For Applications (RFA) (PDF) is now available at:

<http://innovation.cms.gov/Files/x/mh-cdrmm-rfa.pdf>.

Questions about the Million Hearts®: Cardiovascular Disease Risk Reduction Model can be sent to mhmodel@cms.hhs.gov.