



Chronic Care Initiative Update

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Chronic Care Initiative (CCI) News:

- **Aim:** The aim of the Chronic Care Initiative is to implement strategies within the Indian health system (Federal, Tribal, and Urban health programs) that support community and individual wellness and strength. By adapting and implementing the Care Model (CM), applicable across multiple chronic conditions (instead of care based on managing individual conditions), the health status of patients and populations affected by chronic conditions will be improved and the prevalence and impact of those conditions will be reduced. These improvements will be developed, tested, and packaged in such a manner that they can be spread throughout the Indian health system.
- **Guidance:**
 - The Initiative will support other innovative efforts within the Indian health system that address prevention and treatment of chronic illness;
 - This process must integrate and support the other two priority initiatives for the IHS, which include: behavioral health and health promotion and disease prevention;
 - The Innovations in Planned Care for the Indian Health System is the strategy of organized performance improvement to be used to test and implement innovative changes in the delivery of chronic illness care at pilot sites, with the expectation that the pilot sites will share lessons learned throughout the Indian health system over the next three years;
 - Administrative, Tribal, and clinical leadership will be activated at all levels of the IHS to support the redesign of chronic illness care using the CM.
 - Success in reaching this Aim hinges on the active engagement of community and Tribal leadership in this effort.
- **Name Changes:**
 - **CCI:** The “Chronic Disease Initiative” is now the “Chronic Care Initiative.” This change is made to facilitate consistent messaging with our partners and other experts involved in improvement projects.
 - **IPC-IHS:** The “Innovations in Planned Care for the Indian Health System” is the new name for the Collaborative that was previously known as the “Chronic Disease Collaborative.”
- **Communication:** One page biweekly email briefings will be provided.

IPC-IHS News:

- Pilot Site selection is complete for the IPC-IHS.
 - Every Area and program type is represented.
 - 1 urban program (Gerald L. Ignace Indian Health Center, Milwaukee)
 - 8 IHS Service Units (Wind River, Rapid City, Chinle, Gallup, Whiteriver, Sells, Warm Springs, Albuquerque Service Units).
 - 5 Tribal Programs (Eastern Aleutian Tribes, Forest County Potawatomi Health and Wellness Center, Indian Health Council, Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, Cherokee Nation Health Services).