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## Advancing Family-Centered Care Coordination for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs

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### 2020 Shared Plan of Care Quality Improvement Grant Project Opportunity

For children and youth with special health care needs, receipt of care within a medical home, and specifically care coordination, has been shown to positively impact outcomes for such patients and their families. Shared care planning is a central component of coordination of care. Use of a shared plan of care can improve family-clinician relationships, support provision of family-centered care, and provide information that enhances planning and delivery of services and supports to address medical and social needs of children, youth, and their families.

Essential elements of Shared Plans of Care include:

- Medical summary
- Family strengths and preferences
- Negotiated actions, where clinical goals and family goals are identified, along with timelines and people responsible for the goals

Since 2016, over 20 clinics have participated in pilot projects to use shared plans of care. Children's Health Alliance of Wisconsin's Medical Home Initiative is releasing a Request for Applications for quality improvement (QI) projects in medical practices serving children and youth with special health care needs. Funding for projects is provided through a grant from the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, Division of Public Health, Bureau of Community Health Promotion, Family Health Section, Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs Program. Based on available funds of \$125,000, organizations may choose to apply for a grant in an amount up to \$25,000.

*"The Shared Plans helped us understand how patient's families use medications, know more about patient goals and know what families have tried at home. When we asked about school some parents were not aware of IEPs and 504s, so we were better able to inform them regarding increased assistance in the school setting."*

Care Team Member

*"I do not have to worry about 'beating the ambulance to the emergency room' because the physician on call will have no idea how to handle my child."*

Family Member

**Project teams are required to pilot and implement use of a shared plan of care with children with special health care needs, promote youth and family engagement in the QI activities, increase professional understanding of family-centered care coordination and promote the exchange of strategies through participation in a statewide learning community.** Sites may choose to focus on pediatric populations with chronic health or behavioral health needs, medical complexity, those 12-21 years old transitioning from pediatric to adult health care, or other

criteria given rationale for this selection.

Pediatricians who can attest to meaningful participation in the project are eligible for 25 MOC Part 4 points through the American Board of Pediatrics upon project completion.

**Completed applications are due by December 2, 2019.** There will be an informational call October 28 (12-1 p.m.). This optional call will provide background information and address questions regarding the project.

- [Access](#) the 2020 project grant guidance
- [Access](#) the online application to submit your proposal by Dec 2
- [Register](#) and submit questions for the Oct. 28 (12-1 p.m.) informational call (register by Oct 24)

For additional information, please visit [www.CHAWISCONSIN.org](http://www.CHAWISCONSIN.org) or contact Colleen Lane at [clane@chw.org](mailto:clane@chw.org).