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Wisconsin Community Health Centers Receive \$1.24 Million in Quality Improvement <u>Awards</u>

Madison, WI - Community Health Centers in Wisconsin received \$1.24 million in Quality Improvement Awards this week from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

"We are thrilled that Health Centers in Wisconsin are being recognized for the high-quality, costeffective care they provide to their patients and communities" stated Stephanie Harrison, CEO of WPHCA. "The bar continues to go up and Health Centers are diligent about raising their own performance with it."

Quality Improvement Awards recognize achievements in improving quality of care, increasing access to care, enhancing delivery of high value health care, addressing health disparities, and achieving patient-centered medical home (PCMH) recognition.

"These quality improvement awards support health centers across the country in delivering care to nearly 30 million people, providing a convenient source of quality care that has grown even more important during the COVID-19 pandemic. These awards help ensure that all patients who visit a HRSA-funded health center continue to receive the highest quality of care, including access to COVID-19 testing and treatment." said HHS Secretary Azar in a written statement.

The HHS press release can be found at: https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2020/08/25/hhs-awards-117-million-to-support-health-center-quality-improvement.html

Community Health Centers provide medical, oral, and behavioral health services throughout Wisconsin. Health Centers provided comprehensive care to roughly 300,000 individuals in 2019. For more information on Wisconsin Health Centers, please visit www.wphca.org.

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