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**National Nursing Centers Consortium receives Transforming Clinical Practice Initiative award**

*Collaborative network will join federal government and other partners in supporting large-scale health care transformation among clinician practices*

**Philadelphia, PA** – The National Nursing Centers Consortium (NNCC) 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. NNCC will receive up to \$2.1 million over four years to provide technical assistance support to help equip clinicians across the country 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 Support and Alignment Network, NNCC and its partner, the American Association of Nurse Practitioners (AANP) are very excited to support over 7,000 nurse practitioners and other clinicians to expand their quality improvement capacity, learn from one another, and achieve common goals of improved care, better health, and reduced cost,” said Tine Hansen-Turton, Chief Executive Officer of NNCC. The network will provide webinars, online courses, peer-reviewed educational content, and direct in-person training to help participating clinicians meet the initiative’s phases of transformation and associated milestones, clinical and operational results.

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 The National Nursing Centers Consortium (NNCC):**

NNCC is a 501(c)(3) non-profit member association that advocates for nurse practitioners as primary providers of health care and serves as an incubator for innovative, replicable, community-based health education and outreach programs. The organization's mission is to advance nurse-led health care through policy, consultation, programs and applied research to reduce health disparities and meet people's primary care and wellness needs. As part of this mission, NNCC works with organizations around the country to build healthy communities through community-based programs that help people lead healthier and safer lives.

NNCC, an affiliate of Public Health Management Corporation, was officially incorporated in 2002 after being founded in the early 1990s by a group of advanced practice nurses in Philadelphia. From there, NNCC has grown into a national organization representing approximately 250 nurse-managed clinics across the country. For more information, please see [www.nncc.us](http://www.nncc.us).

**About The American Association of Nurse Practitioners (AANP):**

AANP is the largest professional membership organization for nurse practitioners (NPs) of all specialties. It represents the interests of more than 205,000 NPs, including approximately 64,000 individual members and 200 organizations. The organization provides legislative leadership at the local, state and national levels, advancing health policy; promoting excellence in practice, education and research; and establishing standards that best serve NP patients and other health care consumers. As *The Voice of the Nurse Practitioner*®, AANP represents the interests of NPs as providers of high-quality, cost-effective, comprehensive, patient-centered health care. For more information, visit [aanp.org](http://aanp.org).