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Peterson Center on Healthcare Announces New Partnership to Accelerate Adoption of Proven Care Model for High-Need Patients

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Replication Could Improve Care for Millions of People While Also Saving Billions for Medicare

NEW YORK (August 20, 2018)— The Peterson Center on Healthcare announced today a new partnership with the Camden Coalition of Healthcare Providers (Camden Coalition) and Health Quality Partners (HQP) to improve care and lower costs for high-need patients. The new project, made possible through a \$605,000 grant from the Center, will work to accelerate adoption of the Advanced Preventive Care (APC) model, which [has been shown to](#) decrease mortality (by 22 percent), reduce hospitalizations (by 25 percent), and lower healthcare costs among chronically ill, older adults (by 10 percent).

With a growing population of high-need patients—including millions of older Americans on Medicare and vulnerable patients on Medicaid—healthcare experts and policymakers agree that America’s healthcare system must be made more effective and efficient. New approaches to accelerate adoption of proven care delivery models like APC have the potential to significantly improve quality outcomes and lower costs of care.

“Improving care and lowering costs for high-need patients should be among our highest priorities in healthcare,” said Jay Want, MD, Executive Director of the Peterson Center on Healthcare. “By spreading the proven Advanced Preventive Care model, this exciting partnership has great potential to help the growing population of high-need patients nationwide who require well-coordinated care, but too often are not getting it.”

The APC model prevents avoidable complications among chronically ill, older adults by filling the gap between office-based primary care and later stage interventions. Skilled nurses closely assess, monitor, and engage participants and their families to proactively mitigate health risks and preventable complications. While several health systems have implemented the model, more work is needed to help other health systems adopt complex models such as APC.

Through this project, the [Camden Coalition's National Center for Complex Health and Social Needs](#) and [HQP](#) will engage a multidisciplinary group of experts (from disciplines including healthcare, implementation science, user-centered design, and evaluation) to design more efficient implementation methodologies and infrastructures for health systems to incorporate APC into their patient care. The Camden Coalition and HQP will also develop an evaluation framework to test the newly designed systems for replication and share key learnings with the field that may help to further scale similar efforts.

Improving care and lowering costs for high-need patients is a priority area for the Peterson Center on Healthcare. Data show that high-need patients, who typically have multiple conditions often exacerbated by challenging social needs, comprise approximately five percent of the U.S. population but accrue 50 percent of total healthcare spending. The Center has invested more than \$6 million since 2015 to better understand the characteristics that make high-need individuals particularly vulnerable to low-quality care; replicate care delivery that improves quality and lowers costs; and create an environment that accelerates the adoption of promising approaches. The Center currently collaborates with [five healthcare foundations](#) and its grantees to gain [greater insight](#) into this patient population and determine which evidence-based care models best match their needs.

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