

Advancing Clinical Excellence Network

Are clinical administrative burdens holding back your medical practice? **We can help.**

How We Can Help

We are the **Advancing Clinical Excellence Network**, a member of the Network of Quality Improvement and Innovation Contractors of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), a federal initiative that funds efforts such as ours to help medical practices improve quality and performance.

Our network of 12 organizations in seven states will help providers reduce clinical administrative burdens, so they can focus on delivering the best possible care to their patients.

This work will begin in early 2020 pending a contract award from CMS, for which our network has applied.**

Who Is Eligible for Support?

All clinicians—physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, registered nurses, and others—are eligible to participate. We work with independent providers, rural practices, large practices, and health systems.

There is no fee to participate, but you must practice in Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, New York, or Ohio.

Benefits for Medical Practices

The Advancing Clinical Excellence Network offers unique benefits to providers:

Earn CME/MOC Part IV credits

Providers have the potential to earn ACCME and ABMS credits.*

Ease EHR and Reporting Burdens

Improve use of technology and reduce reporting burdens with help from experts knowledgeable in 60 EHR products.

Gain Recognition for Excellent Care

Ensure your superior care is recognized and promoted through our recognition program, [Bridges to Excellence](#).

Receive Insight on CMS Initiatives and Requirements

Gain insight on best practices in CMS quality improvement initiatives from reimbursement standards to innovative care and payment models.

Work with Organizations in Your State

Receive support from experts in your state who are accessible and understand the local health care landscape.

*Altarum is accredited by the Michigan State Medical Society to provide continuing medical education (CME) credits. Altarum is an approved portfolio sponsor by the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) to provide Maintenance of Certification (MOC) Part IV credits.

Interventions that Strengthen Your Practice

The program focuses on improving outcomes in four areas: behavioral health and opioids, patient safety, chronic disease self-management, and care transitions.

Our clinical interventions advance these aims with curricula, protocols, workflow aides, and associated measures and process-improvement strategies customized to fit your unique goals.

Below are several of the interventions we offer:

- Responsible opioid prescribing
- Prescription drug monitoring
- Telepsychiatry
- Patient medication adherence
- Managing chronic conditions, including diabetes and hypertension

Our experts will train your clinical staff in these interventions, helping them perform at their highest potential. Learn more about the interventions on our list of [Frequently Asked Questions](#).

“As a small practice, we were struggling to keep up with government quality reporting standards. Altarum helped us stay current on Quality Payment Program requirements *and* exceed our performance goals.”

— *Danny Kewson, MD*

Southeast Michigan Ear, Nose, and Throat

What Is Required of Providers?

Practices are required to submit data each month. Participants who submit data will also benefit from feedback from our experts on ways to optimize their practice.

More About Our Network

Our 12 partners have provided support to nearly 75,000 clinicians with the potential to impact more than 5 million Medicare beneficiaries:

[Altarum](#) | [FAIRHealth](#) | [The Health Collaborative](#) | [Kentucky's Regional Extension Center](#) | [Medical Advantage Group](#) | [Michigan Center for Rural Health](#) | [National Kidney Foundation of Michigan](#) | [Northern Illinois University](#) | [Northwestern University](#) | [PFCCpartners](#) | [Purdue Healthcare Advisors](#) | [Razr Solutions](#)

To learn more about our partners in your state, read our [Frequently Asked Questions](#).

Pre-Enroll in the Program

Interested in participating? **Pre-enroll by February 15, 2020 at Altarum.org/enroll.**

Your Partner in Michigan

Altarum is the Advancing Clinical Excellence Network partner in Michigan. Our previous work includes the Great Lakes Practice Transformation Network, M-CEITA, and the CMS Quality Payment Program Resource Center®. Learn more about us at Altarum.org. Have questions? Contact our representative at clinicalexcellence@altarum.org.



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