



# Idaho Healthcare Coalition

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Dear Idaho Healthcare Provider,

On behalf of the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare (IDHW), and as the Governor appointed chair of the Idaho Healthcare Coalition, it is my pleasure to extend to you an invitation to complete the SHIP Interest Survey expressing your interest in participating in the Statewide Healthcare Innovation Plan (SHIP).

To complete the Survey, visit <http://ship.idaho.gov/PCMH/CohortThreeInterestSurvey/tabid/3912/Default.aspx> before September 15, 2017. Completing this short survey will provide IDHW with the contact information needed to distribute the final application for SHIP Cohort Three. You will then be notified when the final application is available beginning September 18, 2017.

The Idaho SHIP is a \$40 million-dollar grant funded by the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI) to transform healthcare within the state of Idaho. SHIP is a statewide effort to transform Idaho primary care clinics to Patient Centered Medical Homes (PCMHs) and integrate these clinics effectively into the local and regional medical health neighborhoods. Idaho has undertaken the challenge to transform our healthcare system from the current focus on volume of care to a focus on keeping people healthy.

Joining the SHIP represents an important opportunity for primary care physicians to evolve our clinics to reach the quadruple aim of improved healthcare, improved health outcomes, reduced healthcare costs and increased joy in practice. Having selected 110 clinic sites over the past two years, Idaho will recruit approximately 55 additional clinic sites (assisting 165 clinics in total) to participate in this transformation effort. SHIP Cohort Year Three begins February 1, 2018.

How will participating in SHIP benefit you and your clinic? Some advantages offered to primary care physicians and clinics that participate with SHIP include:

- 1. TRAINING AND FINANCIAL REIMBURSEMENTS:** SHIP offers a unique opportunity for Idaho primary care physicians and clinics to take advantage of training resources and financial reimbursements to support the challenge of practice transformation. Clinics selected to participate will receive staff training, technical assistance, and practice-specific coaching from PCMH subject matter experts in transforming to the PCMH model of care. In addition to this strong technical assistance support package, there are financial compensations available, including a \$10,000 reimbursement per clinic site upon enrollment with SHIP, and additional reimbursement funds related to achieving national PCMH recognition and incorporating elements of a virtual PCMH.
- 2. DATA CONNECTIVITY:** SHIP has a strong emphasis on the use of electronic health records and data to improve quality of care. Participating clinics will also be connected to the Idaho Health Data Exchange (IHDE), so they can access patient data from other providers and share their patient data to improve care coordination across the broader healthcare neighborhood. This one-time connection fee will be at no cost to participating clinics.

- 3. SUSTAINABLE PAYMENT ENHANCEMENT OPPORTUNITIES:** SHIP has engaged both private and public payers to redesign the way payment is made to clinics participating in the SHIP. Participating payers include Blue Cross of Idaho, Regence, PacificSource, Select Health, Idaho Medicaid, and Medicare. While amounts to be paid and methods of payment vary from payer to payer, all payers are committed to changing the way they pay for patient-centered care, recognizing that volume of visits doesn't necessarily result in well-coordinated, high quality care. Additional payment methodologies include a variety of approaches proposed by payers participating in the SHIP, such as per member per month (PMPM) fees, total cost of care payments, chronic care management fees, pay for performance, and shared savings in addition to traditional fee-for-service.

If you have additional questions or need further information, please contact Kymberlee Schreiber at [kymberlee.schreiber@dhw.idaho.gov](mailto:kymberlee.schreiber@dhw.idaho.gov) or 208-334-5577, and please visit the Idaho SHIP website at [www.SHIP.idaho.gov](http://www.SHIP.idaho.gov).

Thank you for your time and interest in this important transformational grant.



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Ted Epperly, MD  
CHAIR, Idaho Healthcare Coalition