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Subject: Advancing Primary Care & Opportunities for RDNs

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Innovation Center is launching an advanced primary care medical home model in your state called the Comprehensive Primary Care Plus (CPC+). Are you working in or with a primary care practice or medical home that is applying to participate? Are you looking for meaningful work in primary care?

The CPC+ multi-payer initiative (Medicare, Medicaid & private payers) presents opportunities for RDNs to add value in primary care. The CMS innovation models give participating practices greater flexibility to provide additional services intended to improve care coordination and health outcomes. Participating practices *may* be eligible to obtain waivers to deliver additional services, e.g., MNT for other diagnoses, or offer other services that are declared as “patient incentives.” The innovation models are an opportunity for RDNs to document the care provided (claims or encounter data for MNT) so that it is “visible” to CMS. CMS could then begin to look at the impact of nutrition care provided by RDNs in primary care.

The application process for primary care practices to participate in the model that will begin in 2017 is open through September 15th, 2016. For more information please visit:

<https://innovation.cms.gov/initiatives/comprehensive-primary-care-plus>.

If you work in a practice that is applying to participate in the model, the Academy encourages your involvement in the application process to help define the nutrition care that will be provided as part of the model.

The Academy would like to convene a network of RDNs working in or with practices that will be participating in the model to share best practices and identify how to best measure outcomes and demonstrate value. The Academy’s **RDNs in the New Primary Care: A Toolkit for Successful Integration** can help you understand how to expand your role or make your pitch to practices participating in the model:

<http://www.eatrightstore.org/product/65BAFEC1-40CE-4D2B-91E3-84A03CE2C803>.

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