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HHS Announces Partnership for Patients and National Priorities Partnership Patient Safety Webinar Series

Recently, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) launched the Partnership for Patients initiative, intended to dramatically improve patient safety across the country by engaging stakeholders from both the private and public sectors to reduce healthcare acquired conditions and hospital readmissions. In an effort to assist and facilitate learning among hospital leaders, clinicians, healthcare providers, consumers, purchasers, health plans and states, HHS has requested the National Priorities Partnership (NPP), convened by the National Quality Forum, to launch the “Partnership for Patients – National Priorities Partnership Patient Safety Webinar Series.” This Series will bring together thought leaders in the field of patient safety, members of the NPP and other partners to discuss strategies for getting started and sustaining meaningful execution of change.

The series’ 4th webinar, “Infections in the Intensive Care Units,” will be held on August 3rd from 2:00pm – 4:00pm EST. The session is intended to provide an overview of infections in the intensive care unit, and provide practical tools that hospitals and clinicians can use to reduce infections in care settings. Peter Pronovost, MD, PhD, Medical Director, Johns Hopkins, University School of Medicine, will be the featured speaker. To register for the webinar, please click [here](#).

HHS Announces Second Installment of Partnership for Patients Funds

This morning, the Department of Health and Human Services announced the availability of \$500 million to help hospitals and other health provider organizations reduce preventable injuries and complications related to hospital acquired conditions and unnecessary readmissions. This funding is the second installment of the \$1 billion Partnership for Patients initiative, launched in April with the Community-Based Care Transitions Program.

These two programs will help achieve the Partnership’s goals of reducing harm in hospital settings by 40 percent and reducing hospital readmissions by 20 percent over a three year period. To achieve these goals, the Partnership is seeking to contract with large health care systems, associations, state organizations, or other interested parties to support hospitals in the hard work of redesigning care processes to reduce harm, improve patient care quality, and lower health care costs. Specifically, CMS is looking for awardees to:

- Design intensive programs to teach and support hospitals in making care safer;
- Conduct trainings for hospitals and care providers;
- Provide technical assistance for hospitals and care providers; and
- Establish and implement a system to track and monitor hospital progress in meeting quality improvement goals.

The first round of funding will be awarded by the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Innovation Center. Solicitations for proposals are available on the Federal Business Opportunities website at: www.fbo.gov.

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