



CMS Selects Thomson Reuters to Help Implement Medicare Medical Home Demonstration Project for Medicare Recipients

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ANN ARBOR, Mich., Jan. 28 /PRNewswire/ -- The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has engaged the Healthcare business of Thomson Reuters in a 4-1/2 year contract to manage the implementation of the Medicare Medical Home Demonstration.

This project involves physician-based office practices delivering Medical Home services to Medicare fee-for-service beneficiaries. Medical Home practices are specially qualified to provide patient-centered, comprehensive and continuous patient care through a personal physician and the practice team.

The demonstration will be conducted in up to eight states and will involve about 400 medical practices, 2,000 physicians, and 400,000 Medicare beneficiaries. Participating practices will provide Medical Home services to patients from January 2010 through December 2012 and receive additional monthly care management fees from CMS.

Thomson Reuters will be responsible for recruiting and qualifying physician practices to participate in the demonstration, and for monitoring beneficiary enrollment and participation. The National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA), under contract to Thomson Reuters, will conduct the practice application and qualification processes to certify that participating practices have core Medical Home capabilities.

Throughout 2009, Thomson Reuters will contact medical practices in the demonstration areas and, via a web site and other outreach efforts, provide physicians with information about participating in the program.

Beginning in 2010, Thomson Reuters also will facilitate a two-year beneficiary enrollment period. Beneficiaries with Medicare fee-for-service coverage who live within the demonstration locations may voluntarily participate if they have at least one qualifying chronic disease. For the duration of the project, Thomson Reuters will monitor patients' eligibility for the demonstration and visits to their Medical Home.

Information about the Medicare Medical Home Demonstration is available on the project website at <http://www.cmsmedicalhome.com>.

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