The National Alliance Receives New Funding to Advance Quality Measurement of Pediatric-to-Adult Transitional Care

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The National Alliance to Advance Adolescent Health was awarded a new grant from the Lucile Packard Foundation for Children’s Health (LPFCH) to develop a health care transition (HCT) measurement framework and a set of existing quality measures for use in pediatric-to-adult transitional care. The grant builds on The National Alliance’s prior HCT work supported by LPFCH and the Maternal and Child Health Bureau.

With this one-year grant, The National Alliance will develop an HCT quality measurement framework to organize measures, identify measurement gaps, and develop set of recommended HCT quality measures that can be used by payers, health systems, and public health programs. With a new multi-stakeholder advisory group, The National Alliance will use this framework to identify and prioritize existing measures pertaining to transition preparation, transfer of care, and integration into adult care. The measures will be organized using the new framework that distinguishes structure, process, and outcome measures. The final recommendations will be disseminated to federal officials and national organizations involved in quality measurement.

According to Peggy McManus, co-director of The National Alliance’s Got Transition program, “This funding represents an exciting opportunity to address long-standing HCT measurement gaps. It is intended to lay the groundwork for future solicitation of quality measures for HCT to the National Quality Forum, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid, and other national organizations working to improve quality of care.”

For more information about this grant, contact Annie Schmidt at ASchmidt@TheNationalAlliance.org.

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About The National Alliance to Advance Adolescent Health
The National Alliance to Advance Adolescent Health is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to achieve long-term, systemic improvements in comprehensive health care and insurance coverage for adolescents. Through policy analysis, technical assistance, quality improvement, and advocacy, The National Alliance works to promote effective transitions from pediatric to adult health care as part of its Got Transition program. In collaboration with others, The National Alliance also works to expand the availability of adolescent-centered care, access to mental health services, and improvements in health insurance coverage for adolescents and young adults. For more information, visit TheNationalAlliance.org.

About the Lucile Packard Foundation for Children’s Health
The Lucile Packard Foundation for Children’s Health was founded in 1997 as an independent public charity, established to ensure a continued source of funding and support for the health and well-being of children. Its mission is to elevate the priority of children’s health and increase the quality and accessibility of children’s health care through leadership and direct investment. The Foundation works in alignment with Lucile Packard Children’s Hospital Stanford and the child health programs of Stanford University. For more information, visit lpfch.org.