

# Achieving Health Equity in Diabetes (AHEAD)

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**What** Recruiting 20 primary care practices serving Medicaid patients to participate in Wave 2 of a regional quality improvement (QI) initiative to improve HbA1c control in adults with diabetes and eliminate disparities.

**Why** Approximately 37 million Americans have diabetes and rates have doubled in the past 20 years. Poor glycemic control in adults with diabetes increases the risk of cardiovascular morbidity and mortality. Diabetes disproportionately affects individuals by race, ethnicity, income, and geography.

**How** Practices will participate in a kick-off meeting, monthly webinars, QI coaching, develop rapid Plan-Do-Study-Act (PDSA) cycles, and implement evidence-based interventions designed to impact the key drivers of HbA1c control over a one-year period.

**When** Practices must enroll by September 30, 2024. Wave 2 activities start February 2025.

## Expectations

- Attend a kickoff meeting and monthly webinar to share best practices and learn from your peers
- Engage in monthly practice-level QI coaching
- Test and adapt interventions to improve diabetes control and eliminate health disparities
- Upload specified Electronic Health Record data elements bi-weekly

## Benefits

- Implement proven strategies with expert guidance and tools to improve diabetes control
- Receive graphs for continuous QI
- Provide a structured scholarly activity for residents
- Partner with Managed Care Plans, patient advocates, and community-based organizations
- Align with value-based payment metrics
- Free CME and MOC available

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