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Health Center Honored For 'Patient-Centered' Care Model

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MIDDLETOWN —

The Community Health Center has received national recognition for its addition of the "patient-centered medical home model" of care.

The care model creates collective responsibility for a patient's care among doctors, dentists, behavioral health providers, patients and their families, the health center said.

The recognition is given by the National Committee for Quality Assurance. CHC CEO Mark Masselli said in a news release that the organization's use of technology and teamwork contribute to its success. Patients can access their medical records on an interactive Website, and can use the "language line" for translation in more than 170 languages.

"The active, ongoing relationship between a patient and a physician in medical homes fosters an all-too-rare goal in care: staying healthy and preventing illness in the first place. [The recognition] shows that Community Health Center, has tools, systems and resources to provide its patients with the right care at the right time." said Margaret E. O'Kane, president of the NCQA, in a news release.

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