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CHC nabs \$250,000 grant to study care coordination

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The Community Health Center, Inc. (CHC) has been awarded a \$250,000 grant from health insurer Aetna to conduct a two-year study aimed at improving the coordination of health care for low-income and underinsured patients at community health care clinics and similar safety-net health care providers.

The study's goal is to create a measurement toolkit that can successfully evaluate the levels of care coordination at primary care practices providing outpatient care for underserved populations.

The study will be led by Dr. Daren Anderson, who is vice president and chief quality officer of CHC.

He and his research team will test the care coordination measures they develop at a cross-section of CHC sites. CHC has primary care sites in 13 communities in the state, as well as school-based clinics and mobile dental units.

CHC serves 130,000 patients, nearly all living at or below 200 percent of the poverty level.

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