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Community Health Center In Middletown Receives Grant To Study Health Care Coordination

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MIDDLETOWN —

The Community Health Center has received a \$250,000 grant from Aetna to conduct a study on coordination of health care.

The study is aimed at seeking better ways for doctors to work together to manage care for Medicare and low-income patients.

In a news release, CHC Vice President Daren Anderson said primary care physicians for Medicare patients can share a patient's case with up to 299 other doctors.

"Closely coordinated care is an important strategy to make sure patients have all their health needs addressed and don't receive conflicting instructions, duplicated tests or unnecessary treatments," Anderson said.

He said better coordination can improve health care quality and reduce costs.

The study is expected to take about two years. CHC officials will examine care at the company's 13 primary care sites and its dozens of other school-based clinics and mobile dental units.

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