

CHDI tops in nation

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Community Health Development, Inc. (CHDI) announces that it has been nationally recognized as a health center with demonstrated improvement in access to care, quality of care and/or value of care.

The recognition came from the Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration.

CHDI was recognized in two areas based on 2014 data: clinical quality improvers, demonstrating a significant improvement to patients' health;

and national quality leaders, meeting or exceeding national clinical quality benchmarks.

CHDI had higher rates of compliance than the national average in eight of the 15 measures health centers are striving to achieve. The eight measures include quality of care indicators/health outcomes where CHDI met or exceeded national clinical quality measures.

When it comes to access to prenatal care, CHDI had an impressive 88.81 percent of pregnant

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patients choosing CHDI for their prenatal care, compared to a state rate of 63.5 percent and a national rate of 72.21 percent.

Of those children born, only 1.39 percent were considered low birth weight, compared to a state rate of 6.76 percent and a national rate of 7.29 percent.

Of eligible CHDI patients, 64.29 percent took advantage of adult weight screening and follow-up visits,

compared to 59.25 for the state and 56.14 percent nationally.

CHDI patients completed tobacco-use screening and cessation intervention at a rate of 81.43 percent, compared to 81.25 percent at the state level and 81.04 percent nationally.

When it comes to colorectal cancer screening, 41.43 percent of CHDI patients got tested, compared to 30.08 percent statewide and 34.53 percent nationwide.

Of eligible patients locally, 95.71 percent took advantage of asthma treatment, which is much higher than the state average of 78.73 percent and

national average of 80.76 percent.

CHDI patients who need cholesterol treatment (lipid therapy) get it locally 87.14 percent of the time compared to a state rate of 80.88 percent and a national rate of 78.41 percent.

When CHDI patients need heart attack/stroke treatment (aspirin therapy), 81.01 percent is receiving that care at the health center, compared to a state average of 69.96 percent and a national average of 76.85 percent.

CHDI's chairman of the board of directors, Reyes Lopez, stated, "The board of directors are extremely

proud of the staff for providing a positive impact on our patient's quality of life and health status delivering services with a 'care team approach.'"

Rachel A. Gonzales-Hanson, CHDI's chief executive officer stated, "While we acknowledge we always have work to do to improve our systems, our staff could not be more honored. Every staff member is instrumental in this achievement.

"To know that from among the 1,300 health centers across the country CHDI is noted as a national quality leader is humbling and rewarding."