

InfoRich Group Client Receives \$7 Million Award

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Delaware County Office of Services for the Aging (COSA) is one of 23 sites nation-wide whose Community-based Care Transitions Program (CCTP) was approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

InfoRich Group's grant writing team managed the application process and worked with COSA's professional and visionary leaders to research the root causes of rehospitalizations, develop strategies for a successful application, develop a budget, and write and submit the award-winning CMS application.

Working with five of the six acute-care hospitals in Delaware County, Pennsylvania, COSA will provide support to Medicare patients who are at a high risk of being readmitted to the hospital when transitioning from hospital stays to their homes. This is a tremendous opportunity and benefit for Medicare beneficiaries living in Delaware County.

As part of COSA's two-year agreement with the CMS Innovation Center, COSA will be paid a flat fee for community-based care transition after a hospital stay for each Medicare beneficiary who is at a high risk for readmission to the hospital. The agreement is renewable for up to five years. **The total value over the five-year period of the transitional care agreement is about \$7 Million.**

According to the CMS press release, "CCTP is part of the Partnership for Patients, a public-private partnership aiming to cut preventable errors in hospitals by 40 percent and reduce preventable hospital readmissions by 20 percent over a three-year period. Achieving these goals has the potential to save up to 60,000 lives, prevent millions of injuries and unnecessary complications in patient care, and save up to \$50 billion for Medicare over ten years...Under the Affordable Care Act, the program may spend up to \$500 million over five years. With this round of agreements, CMS has committed half of the \$500 million allocated to CCTP. The Innovation Center continues to accept applications as long as funding is available. "

