

Community-based Care Transitions Program (CCTP)

The Community-based Care Transitions Program (CCTP), mandated by section 3026 of the Affordable Care Act, provides \$500M in funding for community-based organizations (CBOs) partnering with hospitals to test models for improving care transitions for high risk, fee-for-service Medicare patients. The goals of the program are to:

- test models for improving care transitions for high risk Medicare beneficiaries
- improve transitions of beneficiaries from the inpatient hospital setting to other care settings
- improve quality of care
- reduce readmissions for high risk beneficiaries by 20%
- document measureable savings to the Medicare program



The Health and Human Services Agency, Aging & Independence Services (AIS) in partnership with Palomar Health, Scripps Health, Sharp HealthCare and the University of California San Diego Health System was awarded the CCTP by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to provide innovative care transitions services to over 21,000 high-risk Medicare patients in 13 hospitals beginning in January 2013 throughout San Diego county. CMS will provide funding for up to 5 years for AIS and the hospitals to:

- improve care coordination and communication during the hospitalization and handoff to other providers upon discharge;
- provide medication education and reconciliation;
- activate patients and their caregivers to better manage chronic health conditions through the Care Transitions Intervention (CTI) Program;
- provide short term care coordination through the Care Transitions Intervention (CTI) Enhancement Program; and
- transition patients with advanced chronic diseases into palliative care and hospice.

Patients who are at high risk for a readmission because they lack essential social supports will be supported with in-home care, transportation, home delivered meals, and other critical services. AIS will purchase support services for the patients for a short period of time after discharge if there is no other means to provide the assistance. The goal will be to link CTI patients as quickly as possible to ongoing home and community based services both within and outside of AIS.