




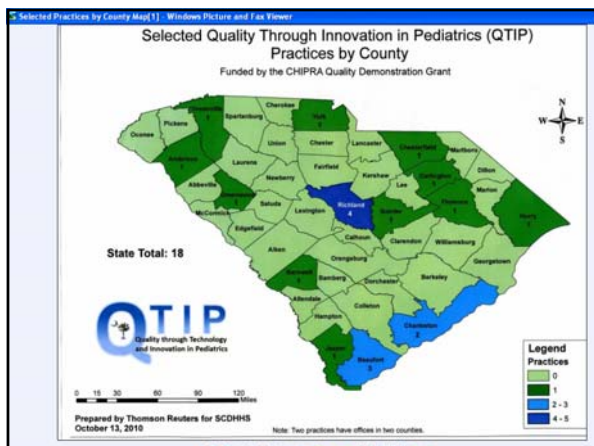
QTIP
Quality through
Technology and Innovation in Pediatrics

QTIP moves into the future!

A joint project of SC Healthy
Connections and the SC AAP

How  Works with Practices and Stakeholders


<p>Pediatric Practices</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18 practices selected • Each practice identified a QI team lead: practitioner, nurse and office manager • 4 year commitment <p>Plan-Do-Study-Act cycles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practices document quality improvement work <p>Maintenance of Certification</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physicians can earn Part IV MOC credit on QI work <p>Regular Contact</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monthly conference calls • Blog (where data and QI minutes are also posted) 	<p>Learning Collaborative</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Semi-annual sessions attended by QI team • Quality measures presented, expert speakers, PCMH and behavioral health concepts, information sharing, etc. <p>Site Visits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • QTIP team technical assistance site visits • Peer reviewer participation • Academic detailing • Mental Health education and community resource meetings • Quality Improvement coaching
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What did we accomplish?

- Success in
 - improving attitudes toward **behavioral health** services,
 - an increase in the rate of **developmental and mental health screening**,
 - focused activities on **obesity**,
 - getting children needed **dental** services,
 - improving outcomes in **asthma**,
 - making **access** to the pediatric medical home better,
 - struggles with ED visitation rates,
 - improved compliance with follow-up recommendations for **ADHD**,
 - focusing on the needs of **adolescents** and
 - more children receiving for **well child visits**




What did we accomplish?

- A culture of “quality”
 - **Leaders felt more comfortable** with developing QI projects
 - **Nurses, front office** staff reported increased confidence as partners with doctors in QI decision making
 - Providers reported that **interacting with other providers** enhanced care-delivery decision-making
 - Providers reported that the **sharing of successes and challenges** encouraged commitment to high performance
 - Growing awareness on the importance of **measuring outcomes**, assessing goals and focusing on behavioral health within the pediatric medical home both within and outside of the QTIP practices



What enabled success?

- Commitment of a lead practice champion
- Regular quality improvement meetings
- Buy in from other office staff
- Defined job responsibility for an individual to supervise quality within the office



The future

- QTIP will be funded by SC DHHS
- QTIP will be open to all pediatric ambulatory care facilities within the state of South Carolina
- Focus of work will be on SC DHHS measures of interest, but will also enable practices to work on issues of their own choosing

Improve Health Care for SC children through QTIP

Program now available to all practices working with children.

Healthy Connections is partnering with the South Carolina Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (SCAAP) to expand aspects of the Quality through Technology and Innovation in Pediatrics (QTIP) project.

Why should my practice participate in QTIP?

The QTIP program offers numerous benefits, including:

- Development of valuable relationships with other practices to improve children's health in South Carolina
- Free American Board of Pathology (ABP) Maintenance of Certification (MOC) part IV credit for members of the SCAAP who participate in select quality improvement efforts
 - Integration of mental health services into your office

What are the requirements to participate?

QTIP is a minimum two year commitment. Practices participating in QTIP will need to:

- Name a lead practitioner and internal quality improvement team
- Identify and work on significant quality improvement projects within your office and document your activities through chart audits
- Attend two learning collaborative sessions each year
- Participate in technical assistance visits
- Drive efforts to become a patient centered medical home and expand mental health services.

How will Healthy Connections help?

Healthy Connections is committed to supporting your office through the QTIP program. Healthy Connections will:

- Highlight key pediatric quality measures
- Teach quality improvement techniques

How do I join the QTIP program?

You can apply to participate in the QTIP program online at mqp.scdhhs.gov/QTIP.


For additional questions regarding the program, please contact:

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What's in QTIP for me and my practice?

- Development of relationships with other practices to help improve healthcare for SC's children
- Part IV MOC credit if SC AAP member
- Assistance with integration of mental health services into your office
- Opportunities to participate in learning collaborative sessions, on site technical assistance visits and QI workshops
- Getting prepared for pay for performance changes in the medical market place
- Being at the cutting edge of pediatric practice



What are the requirements to participate?

- QTIP is a minimum two year commitment. Practices will be required to
 - Name a lead coordinator/ contact and internal QI team with at a minimum a practitioner, nurse, and front office staff or administrator
 - Identify and work on QI projects and document your work through periodic reports and data registries
 - Participate in technical assistance visits at your office
 - Consider Patient Centered Medical Home standards and further integration of mental health services within your office



How will QTIP help?

- Working with SC Healthy Connections and SC AAP, QTIP will
 - Highlight key pediatric measures
 - Teach quality improvement techniques
 - Promote the patient centered medical home model
 - Support mental health skill building and integration
 - Provide learning collaborative sessions and technical assistance
 - Offer networking opportunities



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- You can apply online at www.scdhhs.gov/qtip
- Or contact
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Meet and Greet January 24th

QTIP is continuing and expanding in 2015

If you are interested in learning more about QTIP, you are invited to attend a 30 minute “Meet and Greet” on Saturday, January 24th at 12:15 (held in the same room as the CATCH meeting).

QTIP staff and some QTIP practice staff will be available to discuss the QTIP program and provide information on joining this initiative in 2015.
