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CHI Honored as Leading Health Center With 3 Prestigious National Awards

Accolades Recognize Industry-Leading Advancements in Patients Treated, Improved Access and Quality of Care

Community Health Center Quality Recognition (CHQR) Badges



MIAMI - September XX, 2022 - [Community Health of South Florida Inc.](#) (CHI), a non-profit federally qualified health center, today announced it has been awarded bronze status as a “Health Center Quality Leader.” It also received two other distinguished recognitions from the [Health Resources and Services Administration](#) (HRSA), the federal agency charged with providing equitable health care to the nation’s most vulnerable communities.

CHI is one of the highest performing health centers nationwide linked to significant quality improvements from previous years. It was able to increase access to comprehensive care while increasing pediatric immunizations and cervical cancer screening efforts. It also addressed coronary artery disease prevention efforts, further helping fill critical health care gaps within the communities it serves.

“It is a great honor to once again be recognized by the HRSA for the vital work CHI does in providing top quality health care services, especially when it comes to providing for our most vulnerable communities,” said CHI President and CEO Blake Hall. “These distinctions speak to the expertise and commitment of our skilled and devoted team of providers and caregivers who work tirelessly to give patients the treatment and care they need to complete the picture of an overall healthier community.”

Recognized for ranking in the top 21-30% in overall clinical performance among patient-centered medical homes (PCMHs) in the United States, CHI received an Access Enhancer accolade for increasing the number of patients served by 5%, and an Advancing Health Information Technology (HIT) for Quality distinction for optimizing use of the electronic health record to improve social determinants of health. Social determinants of health are the conditions in the places where people live, work and play that affect a wide range of health and quality of life risks and outcomes. HRSA awarded CHI based on a comparison of CHI's clinical quality measures to more than 1,400 other patient-centered medical homes throughout the United States.

About Community Health of South Florida, Inc.

For more than 50 years, CHI has been a beacon of hope providing access to high-quality healthcare for all regardless of insurance status, income level or background. The non-profit federally qualified health center offers comprehensive healthcare services including primary care, pediatrics, OB/GYN, dental, urgent care, behavioral health, vision, radiology, pharmacy, telehealth, laboratory, transportation and more. CHI has 13 health centers and 36 school-based sites and two mobile units to provide medical and dental services. CHI is a recipient of the Florida Governor's Sterling Award. It is accredited by the Joint Commission and is also designated as a patient centered medical home by the National Committee for Quality Assurance. CHI is also designated as a behavioral health medical home. In addition, CHI is home to the Brodes H. Hartley Jr., Teaching Health Center, training the next generation of doctors in family medicine and psychiatry.

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Editor's note: Interviews available upon request.