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MEMORANDUM

TO: Valued Providers

FROM: El Paso Health

DATE: January 9, 2018

RE: Project ECHO – Mental Health Integration into the Primary Care Setting

The TMF Quality Innovation Network Quality Improvement Organization (QIN-QIO), partnering with the University of Texas Dell Medical School, invites you to participate in the nationally recognized Project ECHO program, in which primary care clinicians can learn to provide excellent specialty care to patients in their own communities. TMF Healthcare Quality Institute will host a cohort beginning on January 10th, 2018. Providers will be committed to a 12 week program on Wednesdays from 12-1 p.m. Central Time where they will join via webcam to review about 15 minutes of didactic information followed by about 45 minutes of case study reviews. The program is free of cost to the providers, and can receive 1 CME credit hour (for MD/DO/NP) per session. More information on the program can be found at this link:

Join Project ECHO: Depression and Alcohol Use Disorder

To join, providers should complete the participant agreement form. Participation agreement:

Project Echo Letter of Participation

If you have any questions regarding this notification please contact our Provider Relations Team at 915-532-3778 x 1507 M-F 8am-5pm.

Join Project ECHO: Depression and Alcohol Use Disorder

Play offense before defense with a nationally recognized program and start treating depression and alcohol use disorder where patients go first—your primary care clinic.

People need access to specialty care for their complex health conditions.

There aren't enough specialists to treat everyone who needs care, especially in rural and underserved communities.

ECHO trains primary care clinicians to provide specialty care services. This means more people can get the care they need.

Patients get the right care, in the right place, at the right time. This improves outcomes and reduces costs.

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The final cohort begins Jan. 10, 2018.
Space is limited.
Contact Project Director Caitlin Fenerty, Caitlin.Fenerty@area-b.hcqis.org, to sign up early.

What will you gain from Project ECHO?

- Proficiency in the treatment of depression and SUD
- Patients will stay within the practice and community for treatment
- Easy access to virtual clinics and specialists at no cost
- Continuing medical education credit
- Seamless integration with no change to practice scope or liability
- Reduce harm by implementing best practices to increase response rates, improve patient satisfaction and reduce emergency department use

Requirements for Participation

- Practicing primary care clinician in Arkansas, Missouri, Oklahoma or Texas
- Register for a cohort by submitting participation form
- One case presentation from each site weekly
- Internet access and a computer, iPad or iPhone with video capabilities
- One designated contact to work with the TMF QIN-QIO
- Feedback on each session

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