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# Texas Hypertension Control Learning Collaborative - Call for Applications Informational Call

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## Agenda

- Overview
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- Project Components
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# Texas Hypertension Control Learning Collaborative - 2

## Overview

- The Department of State Health Services and the American Heart Association are inviting primary care clinics in Texas to participate in the Texas Hypertension Control Learning Collaborative.
- **Purpose:** To help clinics improve hypertension control rates through the adoption and implementation of self-measured blood pressure (SMBP) monitoring policies and protocols.



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## SMBP Monitoring

- SMBP monitoring is the regular measurement of blood pressure by the patient outside of the clinical setting. It is an evidence-based approach that can improve hypertension control when tied to additional clinical support.
- Benefits of SMBP Monitoring Policies and Protocols
  - Empower and equip patients with tools to manage and control hypertension
  - Promote the use of team-based care approaches to increase hypertension control
  - Creates tailored interventions for priority populations (e.g., older adults, Black/African Americans, and the uninsured)



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## Award Information and Timeline

- **Number of awards:** Up to 30
- **Award amount:** \$3,500

Deliverable	Due Date	Amount
Progress Report	September 24, 2021	\$1,500.00
Updated SMBP Policy	October 15, 2021	\$2,000.00

- **Application deadline:** August 5, 2021
- **Award announcement:** August 13, 2021
- **Kickoff webinar:** August 16, 2021



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## Project Components

- Three webinars on evidence-based strategies for developing and implementing SMBP policies and protocols in primary care settings.
- Support in developing or enhancing SMBP policies and procedures through technical assistance and sharing resources.



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## Webinars

- **Tuesday, August 17, 2021 | noon-1:30pm CT**  
Starting and Growing Self-Measured Blood Pressure (SMBP) Monitoring Programs
- **Tuesday, September 21, 2021 | noon-1:30pm CT**  
Hypertension Control and Social Determinants of Health
- **Tuesday, October 5, 2021 | noon-1:30pm CT**  
Topic and Format – To Be Determined





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## Technical Assistance and Resources

- Technical assistance to clinics on developing and implementing SMBP monitoring policies and protocols to include conference calls, one-on-one consultation, and sharing resources.
- Resources from AHA, DSHS, and other state and national organizations to include sample SMBP monitoring policies and protocols, how to measure blood pressure accurately, and how to bill for SMBP activities using the 2020 SMBP CPT<sup>®</sup> codes.



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## Eligibility

- Must be a primary care practice or provider.
- Must have received “Participation Status” in Target: BP™ in 2020 **or** must commit to enrolling in Target: BP™ by September 2021.
- Exclusion Criteria: primary care clinics receiving funding or support from:
  - The University of Texas Health Science Center (UTHSC) at Houston or UTHSC Tyler through cooperative agreements with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): CDC-RFA-DP18-1815 or CDC-RFA-DP18-1817.
  - The FY 2021 National Hypertension Control Initiative Supplemental Funding for Health Centers (NHCI-HC) awarded by the US Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources and Services Administration and the Office of Minority Health.



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## Application Process

- Two Parts
  - I. Practice Information, Patient Demographics and Funding
  - II. Narrative – Statement of Need, Organizational Capacity and Commitment and Target Populations
- Letter of Commitment is Required
- Applications are due August 5, 2021 by 5:00pm CT
- Submit application to [cardio@dshs.texas.gov](mailto:cardio@dshs.texas.gov)
- Application form along with other key materials about the collaborative is available at [dshs.Texas.gov/heart](https://dshs.Texas.gov/heart)



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## Questions



# Thank you!

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