FACT SHEET

SPREADING HEALTHCARE INNOVATIONS INITIATIVE

ABOUT THE INITIATIVE

The Spreading Healthcare Innovations Initiative is focused on taking promising practices in healthcare delivery and spreading them across Canada. The initiative features two collaboratives, each focused on helping healthcare organizations implement an innovation that has already proven successful at improving patient care in a Canadian healthcare organization (such as a hospital, long term care home or health region).

These promising practices have already been piloted and evaluated, and have generated real improvements in patient care and value-for-money. CFHI will now support other organizations to implement these new ways of working in healthcare. The innovations were selected based on areas for improvement across Canada’s healthcare systems and CFHI’s network of healthcare leaders with good ideas about how to address these problems.

ABOUT THE COLLABORATIVES

Each CFHI collaborative will support up to ten participating healthcare organizations with funding, mentoring and other support to implement these promising new innovations in an institution or region. In addition, CFHI will provide change management, patient- and family-engagement, physician- and provider-engagement, and evaluation and performance measurement support to the participating teams.

The first collaborative to be announced is Reducing Antipsychotic Medication Use in Long Term Care. The second collaborative will be announced in the coming weeks.

FUNDING

For this initiative, CFHI is providing seed funding of up to $1 million (total funding envelope) to support up to 20 teams (10 per collaborative) for direct costs related to the implementation of the innovation. This responds to what partners across Canada are telling us they need in order to kick start sustainable innovation at the service delivery level: seed money and program structure.

ABOUT CFHI

The Canadian Foundation for Healthcare Improvement is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to accelerating healthcare improvement by working with provinces, territories and other healthcare partners to promote efficient healthcare that delivers better outcomes. With a $10 million annual federal investment, CFHI supports the development of innovations that could save provincial-territorial healthcare budgets over $1 billion per year. CFHI is funded through an agreement with the Government of Canada.

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