HCCI Centers of Excellence for Home-Based Primary Care Overview

The HCCI Centers of Excellence for Home-Based Primary Care is a first-of-its-kind program designed to increase the prevalence of high-quality home-based primary care (HBPC) across the United States, featuring a curriculum that explores the full spectrum of HBPC. The program, which is designed for physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, practice managers and HBPC support staff, consists of classroom training, mentorship, hands-on fellowship and online learning opportunities. The curriculum is carefully planned to ensure learners meet the required competencies and performance standards necessary to develop or grow a successful HBPC practice. Below is an overview of the training curriculum.

HCCI Essential Elements of Home-Based Primary Care™
This course is comprised of three sequential learning experiences.

Learning Experience 1: Classroom Training
Participants receive two days of classroom education at one of eight Centers of Excellence (COE) located at leading institutions of higher medical learning around the U.S. Each COE will offer up to four sessions during the calendar year, for up to 40 participants.

Facilitated by medical school faculty members, classroom education focuses on clinical and economic factors unique to HBPC, such as infection control in the home, personal and patient safety, medication management, coding and billing, staffing and reimbursement models. The goal is to help learners develop critical thinking skills around the Guiding Principles of HBPC from both a clinical and practice management perspective.

As a result of the training, participants will be able to:
- Describe the role of HBPC in various contexts, including Population Health, Public Health, and the developing systems of health care.
- Apply the American Geriatric Society’s (AGS) Guiding Principles in the approach to the care of people with multi-morbidities in the home setting.
- Provide optimal patient care in a simulated home setting, and demonstrate appropriate coding and documentation for the visit.
- Examine and discuss the business models, economic drivers, and quality indicators for HBPC and their impact on care delivery.

Learning Experience 2: Mentorship
Following classroom training, participants move on to a three-month mentorship experience. Facilitated by both COE and HCCI faculty, the mentorship program involves three hours of group mentoring through webinars, application-based discussions and other shared learning experiences.

Learning Experience Step 3: Mini-Fellowship
HCCI will connect participants to a Practice Excellence Partner (PEP) – a home-based medical care practice that meets HCCI standards for clinical and operational excellence. During this two-day “Mini-Fellowship,” clinicians accompany HBPC practitioners on patient visits and practice managers receive additional insight on staffing, scheduling, billing and coding. Both opportunities allow participants firsthand experience in home-based primary care in practices similar to their own. Practice Excellence Partner sites are located throughout the U.S.

Online Learning
HCCI’s online learning system, HCCI University, provides numerous opportunities for ongoing education to help learners stay up-to-date on HBPC industry trends, practices and research after they have completed formal training. Online learning opportunities vary in length and format, and connect learners with insight and information on timely clinical and economic subjects from leading experts in the field.

Applied Knowledge in Home-Based Primary Care
HCCI plans to introduce an advanced classroom training course for delivery by the COEs in 2019.