McKenzie Health System
Sandusky, Michigan

McKenzie Health System (MHS), located in Sandusky, Michigan, received recognition for working on key projects that ensure their viability in the future, while improving the health care outcomes of their population. One of the projects is to move toward the Patient Centered Medical Home (PCMH) model to help develop a deeper relationship with patients and develop skills to improve patient health through evidence-based medicine techniques to manage chronic disorders.

Positive Outcomes

- Launched a patient portal, “My Record of Health”
- Supported wellness lunch-and-learns, fitness programs and lifestyle workshops to promote healthy lifestyle choices
- Implemented a new electronic health record (EHR) that supported tracking and reporting
- Participated in The National Rural Accountable Care Organization (NRACO)

Top Accomplishments

While McKenzie Health System understands that the work on moving from a volume-based system to a value-based system will incorporate many more initiatives, they have and will continue to lay the foundation for future initiatives. Upon receiving the recognition, Steve Barnett, CEO, said:

"The award is both recognition and affirmation of the changes we are going through. All of us at McKenzie Health System have been working hard to shift how we deliver care toward value and away from volume and this award helps motivate our staff to continue down this path."

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