

DotHouse Health Center Earns Health Center Quality Leader Award

Dorchester, MA — DotHouse Health has received a Health Center Quality Leader Award by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), an agency of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. This award recognizes the highest performing health centers nationwide as well as those health centers that have made significant quality improvement gains from the previous year. As a Health Center Quality Leader, DotHouse Health achieved the best overall clinical quality bench makes for chronic disease management, preventive care, or perinatal/prenatal care.

Forty community health centers across the state of Massachusetts received \$3 million in award funding from the HRSA. These awards support HRSA's strategic goal to improve access to quality health care and promotes the U.S. Department of Health and Human Service's goal of improving the quality, efficiency, and overall value of primary health care delivered by health centers.

"While we know we still have much work to do in order to improve health outcomes, this report is an acknowledgement of our staff's hard work to deliver the best possible care and service every day," says CEO and President of DotHouse Health Michelle Nadow. "It takes a team of people across the health center, representing a variety of roles to achieve these types of results for our patients and the community."

DotHouse Health is also celebrated as "Clinical Quality Improvers," an award which recognizes health centers that made at least a 10% improvement in one or more of the clinical quality measures between 2016 and 2017. In 2017, DHH's screening rates for cervical cancer increased from 66% to 79%. DHH also received awards for "Electronic Health Record (EHR) Reporters," which acknowledges health centers who employ EHRs to report on all clinical quality measures data for all of the health center's patients and for Achieving Patient-Centered Medical Home Recognition.

About DotHouse Health

DotHouse is a nationally recognized health and wellness center with over 130 years of outstanding service to the residents of Dorchester and beyond. A leader in the delivery of community healthcare, DotHouse Health offers a comprehensive suite of health care services and resources to meet the diverse needs of every family. By connecting patients and members of our community with holistic, affordable and accessible primary care, social services, and community programs — all under one roof — we aim to be a leading force for change in our community.

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