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# Top Takeaways from the May 2019 CHN Committee Meeting

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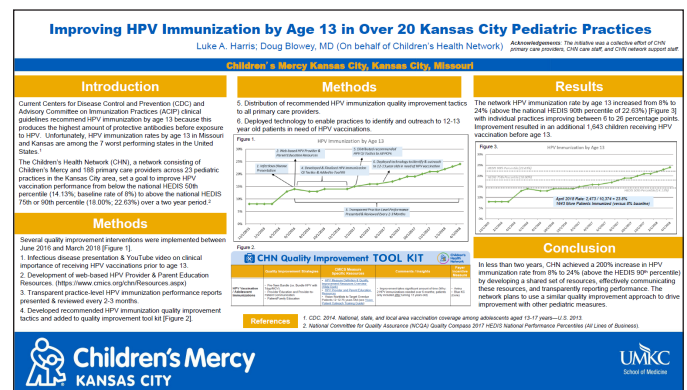
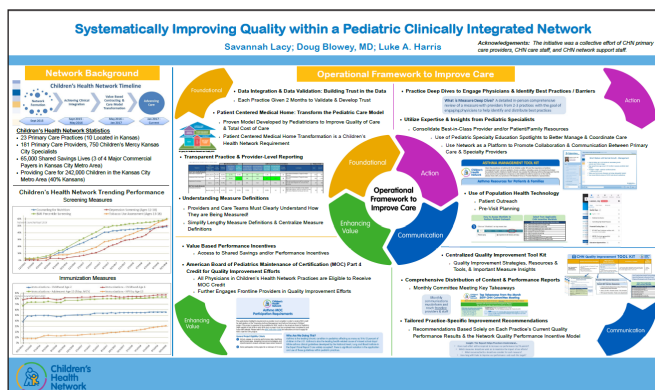
## CHN Awarded the 'Kansas Leadership in Quality Award'!

On May 10th, CHN was awarded the 'Kansas Leadership in Quality Award' at the Summit on Quality 2019 in Wichita, KS. This award is presented annually to health care providers and health care organizations to recognize leadership and innovation in quality improvement and patient safety. Nominations are judged by an independent peer organization outside Kansas and are based on the following criteria: Leadership, Patient-Centeredness, Process Measurement, Resource Management, Community/Population Health, and Culture Change.

[Click here to read CHN's 'Kansas Leadership in Quality Award' nomination!](#)

Per the scoring committee, "Of the many qualified applicants, CHN scored a nearly perfect score from each of the 9 independent judges!"

Click to view the two CHN posters also presented at the Summit on Quality 2019: [Systematically Improving Quality within a Clinically Integrated Network](#) and [Improving HPV Immunization by Age 13 in Over 20 Kansas City Pediatric Practices](#).



**Thank You to All CHN Providers/Care Teams & CMICS Staff That Have Contributed to the Success of CHN! In recognition of each practice's contributions to the award, each practice will receive a replica trophy to showcase in your clinic!**

## CHN Strategic Initiatives – Learn More About the CHN-Centrus Affiliation Agreement!

CHN and [Centrus Health KC](#) (clinically integrated network including North Kansas City Hospital, Shawnee Mission Health, The University of Kansas Health System, and independent physicians including the Kansas City Metropolitan Physician Association) signed an affiliation agreement to expand value based health care offerings in Kansas City and create a more sophisticated and inclusive network to offer employers and payers. The agreement is not exclusive to either CHN or Centrus. In this agreement, CHN will lead, manage, and advance the pediatric program and strategy. The agreement also:

- Enables CHN's Potential Direct-to-Employer Strategy (Not Feasible without an Adult Network Partner)
- Allows CHN the Ability to Participate in Narrow Network Products
- Facilitates Collaboration on Care Transitions

[Click here to view a general news release published May 8th, 2019.](#)

[Click here to view a news release from the Kansas City Business Journal published May 13th, 2019.](#)

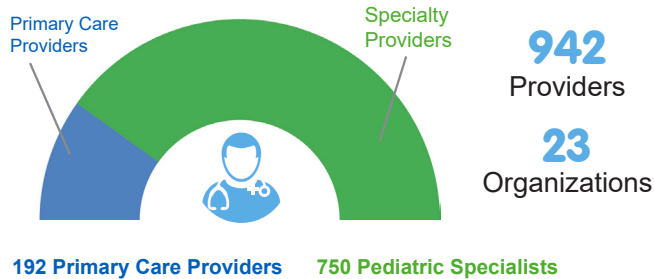
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[Click here to view the Kansas Health Collaborative news release featuring CHN's acceptance of the Leadership in Quality 2019 Award!](#)

# CHN Network Operations Dashboard – Check Out Our Q1 Accomplishments and Upcoming Activity for Q2 & Q3 2019!

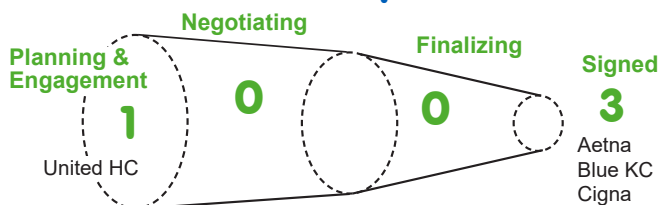
## CHN NETWORK OPERATIONS DASHBOARD



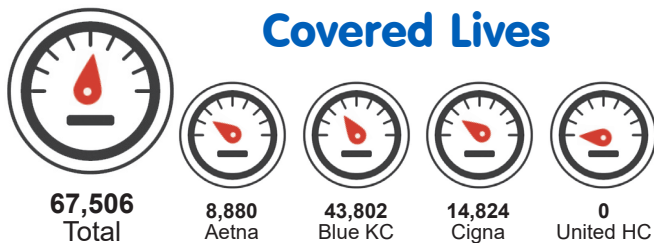
### Highlights

- Held first annual Children's Health Network all provider luncheon during the 2018 Children's Mercy Clinical Advances in Pediatrics Symposium (CAPS) on September 27th.
- CHN's HPV Immunization Quality Improvement Poster wins first place at Children's Mercy's 10th Annual National Healthcare Quality Week Poster Session.
- Initiated initiative to improve asthma quality and cost outcomes. In partnership with Children's Mercy Pulmonology & Allergy, developed an asthma management tool kit and clinical performance report.
- Launched new process for all CHN physicians to receive Maintenance of Certification (MOC) Credit for CHN quality improvement efforts (Two 2017/2018 historical projects & two 2018/2019 projects).
- Initiated a project to understand why patients and families utilize the ED for non-emergent conditions (based on NYU's Avoidable ED Visit algorithm).
- CHN deployed new practice benchmark comparison, trending, and provider reports to enable more effective sharing of practice and provider-specific performance.
- Continued initiative to evaluate the use of "episodes of care" to engage and share meaningful cost and utilization information with Children's Mercy specialists. Pilot will continue through 2019 and includes conditions of asthma, diabetes, and epilepsy.
- Developed proposed 2019 updates to the CHN Framework to Distribute Network-Level Incentives/Shared Savings Payments.

### Contract Pipeline



### Covered Lives



### Upcoming Activity

- Partner with Centrus KC to advance a value based agreement with United Healthcare (Target Effective January 2020)
- Finalize Centrus KC / CHN Direct-to-Employer Agreement for Cerner Dependents in the KC Metro. Collaborate with Centrus KC to establish payer data feed to CHN.
- Finalize contract with new population health technology platform vendor & initiate implementation/transition plan.
- Partner with Centrus KC and applicable Children's Mercy / CHN stakeholders to initiate a transitions of care sub-committee (pediatric-to-adult care transition, maternal-to-newborn care transition).
- Continue to advance network's understanding of cost & utilization performance. Initiate effort to identify pharmacy cost saving opportunities (therapeutic equivalents, scripts/1000 variation).
- Continue to monitor chlamydia screening quality improvement efforts. Historically, CHN has struggled to drive improvement. Best practices will continue to be shared.
- Continue ADHD quality improvement efforts to include tactics to increase performance for the "Follow Up Care for ADHD Medication Management (Continuation & Maintenance)" measure.
- Launch initiative to evaluate and more effectively integrate behavioral health services within primary care practices.