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VT Health Centers Achieve National Recognition for High Quality Care

VT STATEWIDE – Bi-State is pleased to announce that seven Federally Qualified Health Centers and two additional health center members in Vermont have achieved recognition as Patient Centered Medical Homes™ from the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA). The NCQA recognition includes input from the American College of Physicians, the American Academy of Family Physicians, the American Academy of Pediatrics, and the American Osteopathic Association.

“The Federally Qualified Health Centers are designed to achieve healthy outcomes for their patients, far beyond the treatment of isolated symptoms that is so common in approaches to healthcare. The Health Centers are on the cutting edge, creating a model of best practices in clinical health care. We are very proud of our Vermont Health Center members; they are a tremendous asset to their communities,” remarked Tess Stack Kuenning, executive director of Bi-State Primary Care Association.

The “Medical Home” model of care strengthens the physician-patient relationship by replacing episodic care based on illnesses and patient complaints with coordinated, preventive care. This model of care delivers superior care using standards firmly rooted in medical evidence. This model holds significant promise for reduced costs and better health care quality and outcomes.

The seven FQHCs that have achieved recognition include: Community Health Centers of Burlington, Community Health Centers of the Rutland Region, Community Health Services of the Lamoille Valley, Northern Counties Health Care, Northern Tier Center for Health, Springfield Medical Care Systems, and The Health Center; the non-FQHC members recognized include Gifford Medical Center and Newport Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine. Little Rivers Health Care, an FQHC, is in the review process for NCQA designation.

To find a Community Health Center in Vermont, visit Bi-State Primary Care Association’s website: www.bistatepca.org.

Established in 1986, Bi-State Primary Care Association, serving Vermont and New Hampshire, is a nonpartisan, nonprofit 501(c) 3 charitable organization that promotes access to effective and affordable primary care and preventive services for all, with special emphasis on underserved populations in New Hampshire and Vermont.

With offices in New Hampshire and Vermont, Bi-State works with federal, state, and regional health policy organizations, foundations, and payers to develop strategies, policies, and programs that provide and support community-based primary health care services in medically underserved areas.

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