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VERMONT HEALTH CENTERS RECOGNIZED FOR QUALITY OF CARE
HRSA Quality Awards exceed $1 million in recognition and support of quality improvement

MONTPELIER, VT – AUGUST 20, 2018 – Federally Qualified Health Centers in Vermont were recently recognized with Quality Awards from U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) for their achievements in providing high quality care and increasing access to care for underserved populations.

The FQHCs received awards for their utilization of health information technology (HIT) systems to increase access to health care and advance quality of care, for meeting the rigorous quality standards required for Patient-Centered Medical Home designation, and for achieving at least a 10 percent improvement in one or more Clinical Quality Measure in 2017. Additional awards included recognition for FQHCs that are serving more patients than the previous year; achieving the best overall clinical performance (top 30 percent) as compared to their peers; and for achieving or exceeding a 10 percent improvement toward one or more Healthy People 2020 Goals across different racial and/or ethnic groups.¹

“These awards demonstrate Vermont Health Centers’ commitment to delivering integrated primary medical, oral and behavioral health care in their local communities. As designated Patient-Centered Medical Homes, the Health Centers meet the most rigorous standards of care,” said Tess Stack Kuenning, CNS, MS, RN, President and CEO of Bi-State Primary Care Association. “We are proud of their well-deserved recognition.”

The VT FQHCs receiving Quality Awards include: Battenkill Valley Health Center, Community Health Centers of Burlington, Community Health Centers of the Rutland Region, Community Health Services of Lamoille Valley, Gifford Health Care, Little Rivers Health Care, Mountain Health Center, Northern Counties Health Care, Northern Tier Center for Health, Springfield Medical Care Systems, and The Health Center.

¹ HRSA Quality Awards - Vermont

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About Bi-State Primary Care Association
Bi-State Primary Care Association is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization that represents New Hampshire and Vermont’s 29 Community Health Centers that serve more than 300,000 patients annually through their 128 health center sites. Bi-State promotes access to quality, affordable primary health care with an emphasis on reaching underserved populations. Bi-State Primary Care Association was founded as a 501(c)3 charitable organization in 1986 with offices in Bow, NH and Montpelier, VT.