

Delta Health Alliance receives \$4.5M grant to improve local health care

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LELAND — Delta Health Alliance has received a five-year, \$4.5 million grant from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Resources to improve access to a broad range of health care services while lowering the cost for individuals in Bolivar, Coahoma, Holmes, Humphreys, Leflore, Sunflower and Washington counties.

“We are grateful for the Department of Health and Human Resources, the Mississippi Division of Medicaid and our Congressional delegation in providing this exciting opportunity to the Delta,” said Karen Matthews, Delta

Health Alliance CEO. “Our grant aims to reduce avoidable health care utilization, reduce the cost of health care and improve the health and quality of care for Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries. We plan to do this using a whole range of health care and community partners to assist patients with accessing needed services.”

A number of these grants were provided to organizations around the country with Delta Health Alliance serving as the only recipient in Mississippi. According to information from the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services, the grant will seek to achieve a reduction in the utilization and costs of health care services of patients by

addressing their health-related needs using new technologies, improved awareness and use of community services and support and a more robust evaluation of health-related social services.

Matthews said Delta Health Alliance has recruited 14 clinical delivery sites and nine community-based service providers as partners in this new initiative. Work on the new grant will start immediately and there will be announcements in the near future about programs that will be funded by the grant.

For more information about this grant or about Delta Health Alliance, please visit deltahealthalliance.org or follow DHA on Facebook.