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Dear colleagues,

This is a time for tremendous change for physicians and healthcare providers and we are particularly concerned about our primary care and rural medicine colleagues. The boards of the 'Ahahui o nā Kauka (Association of Native Hawaiian Physicians) and the National Council for Asian and Pacific Islander Physicians (NCAPIP) would like to make you aware of some **important free resources** that are available from CMS (Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services) to aid with the transitions being required of your practices over the next couple of years in converting to a value-based payment system by 2019.

As an overview, CMS awarded over \$685 million dollars to 20 national and regional collaborative healthcare practice transformation networks (PTNS) and 10 Support and Alignment Networks (SANs) to provide technical assistance support to help train and prepare 140,000 clinicians with innovative tools and support. At this point in time, the training and support are free! However, you do need to register, preferably *before the end of February*.

The PTN that is largely charged with covering Hawai'i is the National Rural Accountable Care Consortium. I have attached a PowerPoint shared with us and some information from the National Rural Accountable Care Consortium. The contact person is Shannon Calhoun.

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Please review the attached material. Time is of the essence as they are signing up practitioners and practices at this time. We want to make sure that everyone gets the support they need during this critical transition time.

Please note: that the two boards have been working with a SAN, HealthCare Dynamics International, who has assisted in making the contacts for us with the PTN assigned to Hawaii. The SAN has partnered with NCAPIP, the National Medical Association and the National Hispanic Medical Association to make sure that their members, many in small urban or rural practices, don't miss out on this opportunity. They are available for additional support and to help answer questions. A contact at HealthCare Dynamics International is Jan Kelley. Her contact email is: [jkelly@hcdi.com](mailto:jkelly@hcdi.com)

Aloha,



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