CALIFORNIA HEALTH eQUALITY (CHEQ)
CALL FOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS

In September 2012, the Institute for Population Health Improvement launched the California Health eQuality (CHEQ) initiative. Building on previous activities, CHEQ seeks to urgently improve healthcare quality and care coordination by using health information exchange (HIE) technology to facilitate the safe and rapid flow of information among physician offices, hospitals and other healthcare settings.

Through a 16-month, $17.5 million interagency agreement with the California Health and Human Services Agency (CHHS), CHEQ will develop and implement HIE programs according to the state's Cooperative Grant Agreement with the federal Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

CHEQ's programs will promote healthcare quality and care coordination by expanding the capacity to exchange health information or access to Direct, a simple, standards-based way for senders to push secure encrypted health information directly to trusted recipients over the Internet. CHEQ also will improve sharing of immunization, laboratory and care-related information and provide tools to assist caregivers identify private, secure, standardized and trusted systems. CHEQ is especially interested in promoting HIE development and deployment for improving healthcare quality and care coordination in underserved communities and in leveraging its resources with those of community-based organizations.

To assist CHEQ's leadership in making strategic and tactical decisions, IPHI will appoint a statewide CHEQ HIE Advisory Committee. This Committee is expected to be composed of approximately nine persons who have demonstrated expertise and experience in the subject matter and who are familiar with the diverse settings and circumstances in which HIE must operate in California. The CHEQ HIE Advisory Committee will be augmented with various standing and ad hoc topic- or task-specific subcommittees that will be convened, as needed. Through these and other activities, we are seeking to establish a California HIE ecosystem that will support the maturation of health information exchange in California and that will evolve with the rapidly changing nature of the technology and many other circumstances attendant to health information exchange. Through this notice IPHI is seeking nominations for members of this Advisory Committee.
To be considered for membership on the CHeQ HIE Advisory Committee, please send an expression of interest to CHeQ via one of the mechanisms below along with a succinct description of one’s demonstrated expertise and experience with:

- health information exchange in California and/or nationally (public, enterprise, or both);
- policy and/or front-line experience using health information technology (HIT) to improve quality of care;
- consumer engagement and healthcare quality;
- promotion of quality and/or HIT standards; and/or
- health informatics and/or and healthcare quality improvement, generally.

Please note that nominations for the CHeQ HIE Advisory Committee membership are for individuals, not organizations.

Individuals selected for the Advisory Committee will be required to submit a conflict of interest form pursuant to UCDHS policies.

**TIME COMMITMENT:** The Advisory Committee will meet as frequently as needed, but at least three times in-person and twice by conference call during the 16-month period of the contract. Advisory Committee members also will be asked to review materials and provide feedback via e-mail.

**MATERIAL TO SUBMIT:** Self nominations are welcome. Third-party nominations must indicate that the individual has been contacted and is willing to serve. Multiple nominations of the same individual or “seconding” nominations are not required nor weighted differently than a single nomination.

To be considered, please transmit the following information:

- completed nomination form;
- 200-word maximum summary biosketch suitable for use in announcements, on the IPHI website, etc. [required];
- letter of interest and/or short biography highlighting experience relevant to the expertise described above (no more than two pages; anything more than two pages will not be reviewed) [optional].

**WHERE TO SUBMIT:** Materials should be submitted by **only one** of the following mechanisms:

- e-mail to cheq@ucdmc.ucdavis.edu (subject “CHeQ HIE Advisory Committee”)
- guaranteed delivery to IPHI/CHeQ at: 1631 Alhambra Blvd., Suite 100, Sacramento, CA 95816

**DEADLINE:** Nominations are accepted on an ongoing basis.

**QUESTIONS:** If you have any questions, please contact us at cheq@ucdmc.ucdavis.edu