

Loretto Hospital Accountable Care Entity

Letter of Intent Submission

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Section A: Contact Information

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Section B: Proposal Outline/Self-Assessment

- **Geography and Population.** The Loretto Hospital Accountable Care Entity will be located within the city of Chicago. As the ACE is located in Cook County, it is prepared to serve 40,000 enrollees and will accept any number up to and including that limit. The current primary service area for Loretto Hospital, which is located in Chicago's Austin Community, is 60644, 60624, 60651, 60623, 60804, 60639, 60612, and 60620. Loretto Hospital has a history of strong ties within the communities it serves and will be prepared to recruit potential enrollees at various Community and City events as well as at the Hospital.

PCC primarily serves the Chicago communities of Austin, Belmont Cragin, Hermosa, Humboldt Park, East Garfield Park, Logan Square, North Lawndale, and West Garfield Park, as well as the suburbs of Bellwood, Berwyn, Cicero, Maywood, Melrose Park, Oak Park, and Stone Park.

PCC's original site, the Lake Street Family Health Center is located at 14 Lake Street on the border of Oak Park and Chicago's Austin community.

- **Organization/Governance.** The Loretto Hospital Accountable Care Entity will be partnering with PCC Community Wellness, an FQHC. The governance structure for this ACE will result in the creation of a new corporate entity which will be governed and controlled by the above providers. The governing board will include members from the above providers as well as other community leaders. The board will act effectively and ethically in their duties related to overseeing the ACE's mission, fiscal integrity, and care quality, and to recruiting, supporting, and evaluating the management team. Much progress has been made in Loretto and PCC forging a relationship and it is expected to be finalized by the end of 2013.
- **Network.** The Providers who have agreed to participate in the Loretto Hospital ACE include Physicians employed by Loretto Hospital as well as independent physicians that are on the Medical staff at the Hospital. Additionally, PCC Physicians provide a full spectrum of services throughout the life cycle, including prenatal, pediatric, adolescent, adult and geriatric care PCC Community Wellness. This partnership will include a mix of both Internal/Family medicine as well as specialists, to ensure a complete coordination of patient care..

The Loretto Hospital ACE is also looking to expand, by actively negotiating with other providers such as Tenet (who owns West Suburban Hospital in Oak Park, Westlake Hospital in Melrose Park, and MacNeal Hospital in Berwyn), Mt. Sinai Hospital, and Circle Family FQHC.

- **Financial.** The Loretto Hospital Accountable Care Entity will have access to financial resources provided by Loretto Hospital and PCC Wellness.

- **Care Model.** Loretto Hospital and PCC Wellness both employ Primary Care Physicians, who will be the back bone of the care model. The ACE's will work across the spectrum to improve Care Coordination by:
 - Developing a referral/transition tracking system
 - Organizing the interdisciplinary team to support patients and families during referrals and transitions.
 - Identifying, developing and maintaining relationships with key specialist groups and community agencies
 - Developing and implementing an information transfer system

By focusing on appropriate discharge planning and regular patient follow-up and intervention, the Loretto Hospital ACE will be able reduce unnecessary readmissions and decrease non-emergent ER visits.

- **Health Information Technology.** Clinical Data will be exchanged among members of the ACE through a secure network and email. The ACE will be developing and implementing an information transfer system.