The Community Health Peer Learning (CHP) Program aims to advance progress toward population health improvements through the expanded capture, sharing, and use of electronic health data from diverse sectors. Engaging ten Participant Communities and five Subject Matter Expert (SME) Communities in a peer learning collaborative, the CHP Program supports the identification of data solutions, acceleration of local progress, and dissemination of best practices and lessons learned.

This peer learning collaborative encourages demonstrations of how linking critical information within and outside of health care can address population health challenges ranging from pediatric asthma to housing insecurity, reveal key themes and challenges, and offer technical assistance in areas such as data governance, community engagement, systems infrastructure, and sustainability. Taken together, these community-based efforts also will help to inform national strategy and align with other delivery system reform efforts driving toward better care, smarter spending, and healthier people.

AcademyHealth and its partners, NORC at the University of Chicago and the National Partnership for Women & Families, serve as the CHP National Program Office (NPO). Recognizing the emergence and importance of other community-based multi-sector data-sharing projects, the NPO is working collaboratively with the Data Across Sectors for Health (DASH) NPO to envision, establish, and characterize a network of networks to expand and accelerate peer-learning and progress on cross sector data sharing. The CHP Program and DASH will coordinate the provision of expert guidance technical assistance, and are working to establish virtual and in-person opportunities to extend information sharing and peer learning for and beyond their respective cohorts.

BACKGROUND
The Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) awarded AcademyHealth $2.2 million to cooperatively lead 15 communities in the CHP Program. Through this two-year program, AcademyHealth will work to establish a national peer learning collaborative addressing community-level population health management challenges through expanded collection, sharing, and use of electronic data. Learn more at www.academyhealth.org/CHPhealthIT.

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