

## State Health and Value Strategies

Enhancing Value in Health Care

A Robert Wood Johnson Foundation program

Governor Nikki Haley  
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Dear Governor Haley,

I am contacting you about the possibility of South Carolina participating in [State Health and Value Strategies](#) (SHVS), a program of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF). Since mid-2013, SHVS has provided targeted technical assistance (TA) to state agencies as they seek to improve the value and quality of health care services. To date, SHVS has supported 20 TA projects in DC and 11 states (AL, CA, CO, KY, MD, MI, MT, NM, PA, TN, and WI).

Pending final approval from RWJF for next year's funding, SHVS will again support direct, expert TA to states in their efforts to improve health and health care. States can request SHVS support for TA projects that range from a one-day session with an expert on a specific topic to a limited, well-defined TA engagement over a number of months.

SHVS is especially interested in supporting TA topics in the following three categories:

- 1. Ensuring that people have the information and support they need to make the best choices and get the care that's right for them.** For example:
  - Promoting the use of data and fostering greater system transparency to help consumers make high value decisions
  - Engaging and supporting consumers to improve their care by increasing use of tools and approaches such as self-management, care management, and shared-decision making
- 2. Ensuring that the health care system is designed to reward care that is appropriate and meets patients' goals and needs.** For example:
  - Using state purchasing levers with plans, providers and/or contractors to achieve better health and cost outcomes
  - Improving care and health status for homeless Medicaid members including linkages with supportive housing
- 3. Ensuring that public health departments are able to effectively and efficiently promote and protect the health of the people in the communities they serve.** For example:
  - Connecting health care with public health services that affect individual/population health
  - Aligning measure sets across public health and health care entities to improve value

If you are interested in obtaining SHVS technical assistance on these topics, or have questions about other topics, please contact me at [heatherh@princeton.edu](mailto:heatherh@princeton.edu). We are excited about the possibility of working with your state as you strive to improve health and health care.

Sincerely,



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