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New Brief: Yamhill (OR) Community Care Organization's Community HUB

Yamhill Community Care Organization (YCCO), one of 16 coordinated care organizations in Oregon, utilizes a [community health nurse](#) to manage its Community HUB program, which helps "super-utilizer" patients more actively engage in their own care and manage their own conditions. The program aims to improve health outcomes for these patients by fostering connections to primary care to reduce frequent emergency department utilization.

The community health nurse oversees the community health workers who provide direct patient care, identifies potential participants through claims data and referrals, and engages primary care and emergency department providers in the program. In addition to highlighting state policy implications, this [brief](#) also showcases an example "[day-in-the-life](#)" of Emily Williamson, community health nurse. According to the 2013 performance report released by the Oregon Health Authority, YCCO decreased emergency department utilization from 77.7 percent in 2011 to 58.9 percent in 2013.

This [brief](#) is the fifth in a six-part [series](#), supported by the AARP Public Policy Institute, which explores the evolving role of nurses in new delivery system models.

New Chart: Marketplace Renewal Strategies During the ACA's Second Open Enrollment Period

This new [chart](#) from State Refor(u)m looks at the ways federal and state exchanges are handling renewals and reenrollments for returning consumers. Also included in the chart are links to documents regarding state specific renewal processes.

New Blog: Australian Policymakers Taking Cues from Reality Show

In her latest [blog](#) from the Outback, Mary Takach explores how Australian policymakers have taken the premise of reality series "Shark Tank" and adapted it as a strategy to surface innovations in the health policy arena. PITCH, or Practice Ideas To Change Healthcare, offers community providers and citizens the opportunity to present to a panel of judges to fund their healthcare ideas.

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Takach's
Australian
adventures*

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