

PROGRAMS AND TOOLS THAT CONTRIBUTE TO GERIATRIC HOME CARE EXCELLENCE: EXAMPLES

Establishing a National Framework for Geriatric Home Care Excellence

Name	Location	Funding	Description	Website
STATE MEDICAID WAIVER PROGRAMS				
Community Long-Term Care (CLTC)	South Carolina	Medicaid Waiver Program	Offers a variety of programs for individuals who want to stay at home, need assistance with their care, and are financially eligible for Medicaid; services are available for individuals 18 years and older who are unable to perform daily living activities such as bathing and dressing due to illness or disability; in order to be eligible for the program, individuals must meet the same criteria required for nursing home eligibility.	http://www.dhhs.state.sc.us/dhhsnew/insidedhhs/bureaus/BureauofLongTermCareServices/CLTCOverview.asp Does not have an individual website
Connecticut Home Care Program for Elders	Connecticut	Medicaid Waiver and State Funded Components	Provides home and community service for frail older adults 65+ who otherwise may need nursing home care; the program operates under a three-tiered service structure which provides services such as in-home care, care management, home maker services, transportation, and meals on wheels; there are no income limits for the program, however, cost of care is calculated according to a sliding fee scale.	http://www.ct.gov/dss/cwp/view.asp?a=2353&q=305170 Program does not have an individual website
Independence at Home <i>Interlinks Advantage Program</i>	Long Beach, California	The California Endowment and SCAN Health Plan	A home-based mental health program that is run by Independence at Home. The program serves older Latinos operating with a multidisciplinary team consisting of mental health therapists, a nurse and a consulting pharmacist.	http://www.dhfs.state.wi.us/managedltc/grants/RFLs/qq.pdf Does not have an individual website
Independence at Home <i>Medication Screening Program</i>	Long Beach, California	SCAN Health (organization formed by SCAN Health)	Independence at Home is a care management organization created by SCAN Health. It provides culturally and economically diverse older adults with individualized home and community based services. One such service is medication screening; the program focuses on five areas of high-risk medications, provides an alert system as well as direct communication with a physician and care managers.	http://www.aahcp.org/independence_at_home_summary.pdf Does not have an individual website

The programs in this Table are listed as mentioned in the Regional Practice Focus Groups. This is not presented as a comprehensive list and inclusion here does not constitute endorsement by the Initiative or its participating organizations.

PROGRAMS AND TOOLS THAT CONTRIBUTE TO GERIATRIC HOME CARE EXCELLENCE: EXAMPLES

Establishing a National Framework for Geriatric Home Care Excellence

Name	Location	Funding	Description	Website
Oregon Project Independence (OPI)	Oregon	Oregon State Legislature	An in-home program which helps people who are not financially eligible for Medicaid-funded in-home care but still have significant care needs; serves individuals who are 60 years and older or those who have been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease or other related disorders.	http://www.sdslane.org/inhomes.html
Utah's Medicaid Aging Program and New Choices Waiver Program	Utah	Medicaid Waiver Program	Assists those who are at least 65 years old and are eligible for institutional care remain in their home; these individuals have access to medical services such as day treatment programs and in-home respite care. The Long Term Care Managed Care (LTC-MC) Program was started by Utah Medicaid in 1999 to show that eligible Medicaid recipients could successfully be deinstitutionalized by providing various long term care services in a community-based setting. The program that has replaced LTC-MC is The New Choices Waiver. This waiver program provides services based upon a fee-for-service basis instead of a managed care structure.	http://health.utah.gov/medicaid/provhtml/aged_waiver.html
REGIONAL/ LOCAL DIRECT SERVICE PROGRAMS				
Carelink Program	Storrs, Connecticut	Partnership between the University of Connecticut School of Nursing and the Visiting Nurse Association of Central Connecticut, Inc. Partially funded by North Central Area on Aging	Campus-community partnership in which senior nursing students provide care to older adults with chronic illnesses that live in the community; students go to patients homes who are referred from the care to sick program once they are no longer eligible for those services; program focuses on "bringing increased health maintenance and health promotion to an elderly population in a mid size city with a large, retired, blue collar population."	http://nursing.uconn.edu/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=61&Itemid=159
Dane County Senior Hotline	Dane County, Wisconsin	Dane County Department of Human Services and Area Agency on Aging	A hotline which serves as a clearinghouse for older adult services. Individuals can call to receive referral services for a wide range of issues such as health benefits, finances, information and referral services for caregivers, and nutrition services. The hotline number is: 608-266-9007	Does not have an individual website

The programs in this Table are listed as mentioned in the Regional Practice Focus Groups. This is not presented as a comprehensive list and inclusion here does not constitute endorsement by the Initiative or its participating organizations.

PROGRAMS AND TOOLS THAT CONTRIBUTE TO GERIATRIC HOME CARE EXCELLENCE: EXAMPLES
 Establishing a National Framework for Geriatric Home Care Excellence

Name	Location	Funding	Description	Website
Dane County Safety Assessment for Elders (SAFE) Study	Dane County, Wisconsin	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)	Community Fall Prevention Project that was funded by the CDC with the Wisconsin Department of Health in collaboration with the University of Wisconsin to assess the effectiveness of a comprehensive fall intervention among community dwelling older adults 65 and older at a high risk of falling.	http://www.cdc.gov/ncipc/duip/FallsPreventionActivity.htm
Local Pharmacist Support	Northeast Region	Volunteer Basis	A university based physician home visit service located in New Jersey works with a local pharmacist who provides blister packs for older adults receiving care as part of the home visiting program.	No website is available
Meals on Wheels Association of America (MOWAA)	National	List of sponsors can be found on the website: http://www.mowaa.org/displayContent.asp?MemberNo=5E5D5C&type=&CurrentNo=5E5B5A	A member organization whose membership is mostly comprised of senior nutrition programs within the United States; programs across the nation provide meals to individuals that are elderly, homebound, disabled, frail or at risk	http://www.mowaa.org/Page.aspx?pid=212
Neighbors Helping Neighbors (NHN) Program	Salt Lake City, Utah	The Goodwill Family Foundation and The University of Utah (based out of the W.D. Goodwill Social Work Initiatives on Aging)	Program at the University of Utah's School of Social Work which provides 500 older adults with care coordination support with the help of social work interns and volunteers to enable individuals to remain in their homes. The mission of NHN is "to improve the health, safety, and quality of life of community-dwelling seniors through the promotion and maintenance of independent living. The program also uses a community building technique to mobilize entities within the community to participate in an informal network of care to meet the needs of seniors; the program works with low, middle or fixed income individuals that are 65 and older.	http://www.socwk.utah.edu/neighbors

The programs in this Table are listed as mentioned in the Regional Practice Focus Groups. This is not presented as a comprehensive list and inclusion here does not constitute endorsement by the Initiative or its participating organizations.

PROGRAMS AND TOOLS THAT CONTRIBUTE TO GERIATRIC HOME CARE EXCELLENCE: EXAMPLES
 Establishing a National Framework for Geriatric Home Care Excellence

Name	Location	Funding	Description	Website
SAIL (Support for Active Independent Lives)	Dane County, Wisconsin	Individual Membership based	Non-profit organization for people 55 years and older living in the Madison, WI area. Membership includes benefits such as referrals for prescreened vendors, daily automated check-in service, house checks, and wellness services. Health and Wellness benefits include: Respite care for caregivers, caregiver training, dining, free blood pressure checks, home visits, home safety evaluations, medication consultation with a pharmacist, and access to fitness programs	http://sailtoday.org/index.php?page=home
SPICE (Senior Safety, Prevention, Intervention and Community Education) for Life	Greenville, North Carolina	Pitt County Council on Aging (serves as the lead organization in running the program); grants are also provided from the Pitt Memorial Hospital Foundation and the Safe Communities Coalition of Pitt County; please see provided website for further funding information	Multi-dimensional program for fall prevention and home safety; the home assessment process is interactive and provides a source of information on the functional status of older adults in their home; the program also provides a community education component which provides education for seniors, caregivers, family members and healthcare professionals on home safety and potential strategies to prevent falls. A description of this program as well others, along with information on organizing and implementing home safety programs see: “Preventing Falls: How to Develop Community-Based Fall Prevention Programs for Older Adults,” prepared by the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Atlanta.	www.cdc.gov/ncipc/preventingfalls/CDCGuide_030508.pdf
Transitional Care at Virginia Commonwealth University Hospital	Richmond, Virginia	Not Available	Hospital based nursing practitioners provide short-term intensive case management for discharged high-risk patients, including home visits.	Does not have an individual website

The programs in this Table are listed as mentioned in the Regional Practice Focus Groups. This is not presented as a comprehensive list and inclusion here does not constitute endorsement by the Initiative or its participating organizations.

PROGRAMS AND TOOLS THAT CONTRIBUTE TO GERIATRIC HOME CARE EXCELLENCE: EXAMPLES

Establishing a National Framework for Geriatric Home Care Excellence

Name	Location	Funding	Description	Website
Transitions Program of the Medical Center of Central Georgia	Located in the Center for Palliative Care which is affiliated with the Mercer School of Medicine in Macon, Georgia	Medical Center of Central Georgia	Serves a predominately African American county in Virginia that integrates a house call program and a palliative care service Designed to follow chronic care patients and their families in the hospital and community; the palliative care team includes individuals aiding with transitions, two physicians, a nurse practitioner and clinical nurse specialist.	http://www.mccg.org/services/palativecare.asp
University Hospital Home Health Agency, University of Wisconsin	Middleton, Wisconsin	Agency Funded	Program to initiate a geriatric resource nurse. Will start a training seminar through the University of Wisconsin Hospital and Clinics led by Agency's geriatric CNS	http://www.uwhealth.org/homecare/uwhealthhomehealthagency/11176
Visiting Nurses of Aroostook	Caribou, Maine	Agency Supported	Agency has been utilizing tele-health monitoring equipment in rural areas. The program currently monitors congestive heart failure, diabetes and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. There has been demonstrated self-management of chronic disease among these patients and reduced hospitalizations for exacerbations.	http://www.visitingnursesofarostook.org/telemedicine.asp
Wisconsin Partnership Program	State Wide (Wisconsin)	Public and private sources, such as government programs, charitable foundations; Medicaid and Medicare; Further funding information is provided at: http://www.carewisc.org/funding_sources	A public program which provides expanded care management and covers long-term care services including health and medical services and prescription drugs. The expanded care team includes a nurse practitioner, registered nurse, a social worker and other health professionals. Individuals have access to Care Wisconsin's local provider network and services for in-home care, medications, dental services, transportation and other services.	http://www.carewisc.org/overview

The programs in this Table are listed as mentioned in the Regional Practice Focus Groups. This is not presented as a comprehensive list and inclusion here does not constitute endorsement by the Initiative or its participating organizations.

PROGRAMS AND TOOLS THAT CONTRIBUTE TO GERIATRIC HOME CARE EXCELLENCE: EXAMPLES
Establishing a National Framework for Geriatric Home Care Excellence

Name	Location	Funding	Description	Website
TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES				
CHAMP (Curricula for Home Care Advances in Management and Practice) Program	National	The Atlantic Philanthropies & The John A. Hartford Foundation	The CHAMP program, administered by the Center for Home Care Policy and Research at the Visiting Nurse Service of New York is the first national initiative to improve the quality of geriatric home healthcare services. To date, the program offers a course in geriatric medications management and pain management. These courses are designed for frontline nurse and therapy managers.	http://champ-program.org/
Geriatric Education Centers	Multiple States	Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) and other sources; Grant funded	State/regionally based centers are coalition based. They typically link area educational institutions and direct services organizations to offer multi-disciplinary continuing education, practicums, and resources. The National Association of Geriatric Education Centers (NAGEC) links 41 such centers and has information of activities.	www.nagec.org
Geriatric Education & Training Initiatives of The John A. Hartford Foundation	National	Grant funded by The John A. Hartford Foundation	The Foundation provides support to academic institutions and other organizations across the country for geriatric education, training and resources for physicians, nurses, social workers and others involved in providing care for older adults. The foundation funds programs that: 1)expose students to geriatrics through research programs, 2) create and disseminate aging-related curricula, 3) provide faculty members with time to perform research, 4) support scholars in medicine, nursing, social work, and interdisciplinary care, and 5)enhance leadership skills through faculty development institutes and workshops	www.jhartfound.org
School of Nursing, University of Washington	Washington State	Unknown	The School of Nursing at the University of Washington has a practice advisory board which provides certification programs	https://www.son.washington.edu/cne/

The programs in this Table are listed as mentioned in the Regional Practice Focus Groups. This is not presented as a comprehensive list and inclusion here does not constituent endorsement by the Initiative or its participating organizations.

PROGRAMS AND TOOLS THAT CONTRIBUTE TO GERIATRIC HOME CARE EXCELLENCE: EXAMPLES
 Establishing a National Framework for Geriatric Home Care Excellence

Name	Location	Funding	Description	Website
TOOLS, GUIDELINES AND STRATEGIES FOR BEST PRACTICES				
ACOVE (Assessment Care Of Vulnerable Elderly) Guidelines	National	RAND Health Corporation and Pfizer	Quality measures that were specifically developed for vulnerable elderly. The ACOVE indicators reflect a comprehensive examination that has ever been conducted of the quality of medical care provided to vulnerable older adults	http://rand.org/health/project/s/acove/
California Guidelines for Alzheimer's Disease	California	California State Department of Public Health	Developed by the California Workgroup on Guidelines for Alzheimer's Disease Management; the clinical practice guideline presents core care recommendations for Alzheimer's Disease management that are measurable, practical and based upon available scientific evidence	http://www.alz.org/california_southland/in_my_community_professionals.asp#Clinical_guidelines
Home Health Quality Improvement (HHQI) National Campaign	National	Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)	The 12- month HHQI National Campaign, which began in Jan. 2007, was offered by CMS in conjunction with the Home Health Quality Improvement Organization Support Center (HHQIOSC); the campaign sought to unite the home care community to reduce avoidable hospitalizations and improve a patient's quality of care; the campaign provided home care agencies with monthly best practice intervention packages consisting of educational tools and resources, and guidelines in order to assist agencies in reducing hospitalizations (available on website)	http://www.homehealthquality.org/hh
InterRAI	International network Based out of the Institute for Gerontology at the University of Michigan	Self-Funded	Collaborative network of researchers and volunteers in over 20 countries that are committed to improving health care for individuals who are elderly, frail or disabled. Instruments are developed for specific populations but are designed to form an integrated health information system. Please visit the website for contact information to receive tools and other resources.	http://www.interrai.org/section/view/

The programs in this Table are listed as mentioned in the Regional Practice Focus Groups. This is not presented as a comprehensive list and inclusion here does not constitute endorsement by the Initiative or its participating organizations.

PROGRAMS AND TOOLS THAT CONTRIBUTE TO GERIATRIC HOME CARE EXCELLENCE: EXAMPLES

Establishing a National Framework for Geriatric Home Care Excellence

Name	Location	Funding	Description	Website
Medication Management Improvement System (MMIS)	National	Administration on Aging (AoA) and The John A. Hartford Foundation	System that addresses medication problems among frail older adults using criteria that has been developed by an expert panel; this system address four types of medication problems: unnecessary therapeutic duplication, inappropriate psychotropic drugs, cardiovascular medication problems and inappropriate use of non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) (tools available online). Currently managed by the Partners in Care Foundation.	http://www.homemedics.org
MedQIC (Medicare Quality Improvement Community)	National	Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Service (CMS)	A national forum for healthcare and quality improvement professionals which provides easy access to quality improvement resources and a network of professionals that can share knowledge and expertise; also provides support to Quality Improvement Organizations (QIOs)	http://medqic.org/dcs/ContentServer?pagename=Medqic/MQPage/Homepage
Mini Nutritional Assessment	National	Nestle Nutrition	An assessment tool that can be used to identify older adults who are at risk of malnutrition; clinician-completed instrument with two components which are screening and assessment	http://www.mna-elderly.com/
National Research Center on Nutrition, Physical Activity and Aging	Florida International University	Administration on Aging (AoA)	The Center promotes healthy aging by reducing nutrition risk among older adults; the Center assists Older Americans Act Nutrition Programs which serve approximately 250 million congregate and in-home meals to about 2.6 million older adults each year; The Center's website contains an Older American Nutrition Program Toolkit as well as resources and references for other useful information regarding geriatrics and nutrition	http://nutritionandaging.fiu.edu/

The programs in this Table are listed as mentioned in the Regional Practice Focus Groups. This is not presented as a comprehensive list and inclusion here does not constituent endorsement by the Initiative or its participating organizations.

PROGRAMS AND TOOLS THAT CONTRIBUTE TO GERIATRIC HOME CARE EXCELLENCE: EXAMPLES
 Establishing a National Framework for Geriatric Home Care Excellence

Name	Location	Funding	Description	Website
PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS				
American Academy of Home Care Physicians (AAHCP)	National	Membership Based Association	An association for physicians and other related professionals working to improve care of patients in the home; Board members who are volunteers work to enhance practice education; the Academy also supports legislation to offer incentives to physicians and nurse practitioners to provide home care. The Academy has an open list serve for home care nurses where they can discuss various care issues.	http://www.aahcp.org
National Gerontological Nursing Association (NGNA)	National	Membership Based Association	The purpose of the NGNA is to improve the quality of nursing care that is provided to older adults. The NGNA provides education and certification programs for nurses; The NGNA also has clinical experts that assist specialty nursing organizations to incorporate geriatric competency into standards of practice.	https://www.ngna.org/

The programs in this Table are listed as mentioned in the Regional Practice Focus Groups. This is not presented as a comprehensive list and inclusion here does not constitute endorsement by the Initiative or its participating organizations.