

Public FAQ

What is the Show-Me High Value Network?

23 local community hospitals are launching the Show-Me High Value Network to collaborate on clinical and business initiatives to strengthen health care in rural communities across the state.

Our hospital/health system is a founding member of this growing network.

The network's foundation is a clinically integrated network (CIN) caring for a population of approximately 1.8 million patients. The CIN will drive the Show-Me High Value Network's quality enhancement initiatives, expand care coordination efforts and reduce administrative burdens for providers.

Is our hospital being sold to a larger health system?

No, that's absolutely not the case. [Hospital or health system name], like every member of the Show-Me High Value Network, remains an independent hospital/health system that can focus on the needs of our community. The network is more like a farmers' cooperative as it fosters collaboration and handles some tasks jointly for its members, who continue to otherwise operate independently.

Will you still accept my health insurance?

Yes. Our hospital's participation in the Show-Me High Value Network has no immediate impact on our contracts with health insurers. As the collaboration deepens among members, the network will be a strong partner with insurers on value-based insurance products that improve quality, reduce cost, and enhance patient and provider experience.

Why is our hospital joining the Show-Me High Value Network?

We're committed to doing better for our patients and community — now and into the future.

When we work together, we can provide better care and create efficiency through scale.

Larger health systems based in Missouri's metro areas have a critical role in delivering care. Our goal is to increase our ability to deliver high-value care close to home, leveraging a network of independent hospitals and health systems with shared values — including independent status.

The Show-Me High Value Network helps our members gain the benefits of size and scale without giving up the ability to tailor decisions to the needs of their local communities.

Are we joining the Show-Me High Value Network because our hospital is in financial trouble?

We want to be the provider of choice. This isn't a response to our performance today; it reflects our long-term goal of sustainable, high-quality care, delivered locally.

Our hospital has recorded strong/stable/improving financial performance over the past year/six months/other time period, even as we face a difficult operating environment. Joining the Show-Me High Value Network will position us to best serve our patients and community within a dynamic health care environment.

How will decisions about health care in our community be made after joining the Show-Me High Value Network?

The same way decisions are made now: Our board and hospital/health system leaders — who live and work in our community — will continue to make those decisions. We are joining the Show-Me High Value Network to accomplish things that we cannot easily do on our own. Making decisions about health care in our community locally will remain a practice and priority.

What does joining the Show-Me High Value Network mean for local patients?

By working together with other independent hospitals, we will pool our clinical and business know-how to ensure continued local access to high-quality care that strengthens our community. These efforts will improve care coordination, support caregivers and promote more efficient operations. As the collaboration deepens among members, the network will be well positioned to partner with insurers on value-based care initiatives that improve quality, reduce cost, and enhance patient and caregiver experiences.

What are some specific benefits patients will see from our hospital joining this network?

Sustaining high-quality care in our community for the long term is great news for patients. Here are some specific benefits that patients will see from our hospital's membership in the Show-Me High Value Network.

- Clinical initiatives through the network will enable members to benchmark their performance and find areas to further enhance clinical quality, while care coordination initiatives close care gaps and reduce unnecessary ER visits while improving overall community health. We'll deliver better care as we explore clinical efforts against a wider peer group, and we'll learn from our partners' work as well as our own on our journey to deliver great care.
- Through better care coordination, we'll identify and close clinical and nonclinical gaps, reducing unnecessary emergency care — improving health and reducing crowds in the emergency department.
- With improved data, we'll be able to coordinate care more efficiently for patients who need treatment at multiple locations.
- We'll free up time for our front-line caregivers to focus more on patients rather than paperwork. This will improve patient interaction and reduce burnout, allowing the hospital/health system to retain excellent physicians and other providers in our community.
- We'll build our capacity to work with insurers on processes that create value for patients, insurers and the hospital.
- Through the partnership, we'll boost our ability to control costs for equipment and contracted services by negotiating as a group. Controlling these costs helps improve affordability for patients.

How are medical practitioners, nurses and employees of the hospitals affected by joining the Show-Me High Value Network?

Joining the Show-Me High Value Network will support stability and success for its member

hospitals, while delivering their patients better care. Our hospital's caregivers joined the hospital team to care for patients. In smaller communities, this often means their family, friends and neighbors. The Show-Me High Value Network supports their work directly in health and care delivery. At the same time, it will expand our team's network and provide them with tools to be the best caregiver or care supporter they can be.