

# Cass County Health Clinic Earns Quality Improvement Honors

For the third consecutive year the Cass County Health Clinic has been awarded several Health Center Quality Improvement (QI) awards by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) program. Including the Health Center Quality Leaders Gold Status award. This award is given to the top 10% of all health centers based on overall clinical performance. These awards are based on the Uniform Data System (UDS) 2018 clinical indicators. Awards are given to recognize high value and high function health centers and to further support quality improvement initiatives at health centers across the United States. The Cass County Health Clinic was among 42 health centers in the state of Illinois to receive recognition for their quality improvement measures. These awards totaled more than \$4,382,243 for health centers across the State.

The Cass County Health Clinic also received award recognition in the following quality improvement categories:

- **Clinical Quality Improvers**– Health centers receiving this award have demonstrated at least 15% improvement on a clinical quality measure from 2017 to 2018.
- **Advancing Health Information Technology (HIT) for Quality Awards**– This award recognizes health centers that utilized five HIT services and/or telehealth services to increase access to care and advance quality of care between 2017 and 2018.
- **Patient Centered Medical Home Recognition (PCMH)**– This award recognizes health centers with patient centered medical home recognition in one or more of their delivery sites. The Cass County Health clinic is proud to serve as a PCMH Level 3 clinic which is the highest level a clinic can achieve.

The Cass County Health Clinic strives to provide quality healthcare services in the communities where their patients live and work. When asked about her views on the quality care provided to patients at the Cass County Health Clinic and Dental Clinic, Teresa Armstrong, RN BSN, Cass County Health Department Administrator stated “I am proud of the quality healthcare our staff provides at the Cass County Health Clinic and Dental Clinic. They go above and beyond on a daily basis to ensure all patient needs are met and the highest quality of care is provided to each and every patient. I applaud them for all of their hard work”.

