



Million Hearts® Cardiovascular Disease Risk Reduction Model FAQs

Re-Opening of the Million Hearts Model Application

Q1: Why is the model application being reopened?

The Million Hearts® Cardiovascular Disease Risk Reduction Model (MH Model) application period closed October 8, 2015. The model allowed for up to 720 practices to participate. The model team has received a number of inquiries related to participation in this innovative model following the close of the application period. In response to continued practice interest, there is an opportunity to allow additional participation from interested practices.

Q2: How many awards will be made from the second round of applications?

The MH Model will award approximately 70 more applicants. Awards will be made on a first-come, first serve basis during the second application period. The application reopens on April 4, 2016 at 9 am EST and will close on April 15, 2016 at 6 pm EDT. Applicants are required to submit a non-binding Letter of Intent (LOI) prior to submitting their Request for Application. The LOI and RFA are both due by April 15, 2016 at 6 pm EDT.

Q3: Has the application criteria changed?

No, the criteria for applicant eligibility has not been changed. Please refer to the Million Hearts® Model Webpage for detailed applicant eligibility criteria as well as information on how to apply.

Q4: I received a notice of award and was planning on participating. Does this mean that CMS is re-thinking the model or making any changes to it? Should I be concerned that there is a problem with the model?

No. CMS will not be changing any aspects of the model as a result of the re-opening application. CMS is reopening the application in response to the continued interest and available space. It does not change the status of any existing model participants. New awardees will be asked to sign the same Model Participant Agreement (MPA) as awardees notified in

March 2016. If your organization was awarded into the model in March 2016 and has been successfully accepted into the model, the MH Model Team will be in contact with you in the coming weeks with further information.

Q5: I was denied for the model, but the application period is being re-opened? Can I contest my denial?

All denial notices sent to first round applicants are final and cannot be contested. This includes awardees whose application and participation in the model was voided as a result of not submitting the necessary documents for model onboarding before the stated deadline.

Q6: If my application was previously denied, may I submit another application during the re-opened application period?

No. Previously denied applicants are not eligible to re-apply for participation in the model. All decisions of application denial are final.

Q7: If selected in the second round of applications, when would I begin participation?

Applicants selected in the second application period will begin participation the same timelines as the first round cohort. All practices will be randomized to the intervention or control group as one cohort. Training and onboarding is scheduled to begin in June 2016 with the model “Go-Live” beginning September 1, 2016.