

## AGREEMENT TO PARTICIPATE



# Campaign for Kidney Health



After reviewing and signing this agreement, fax it to Virginia Badgley at 512-334-1756 or mail to the address below.

\_\_\_\_\_ (name of practice) agrees to participate in the Prevention-Campaign for Kidney Health from October 2008 through July 2011 in conjunction with TMF Health Quality Institute, the Texas Quality Improvement Organization. This project is funded through the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, an agency of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). As part of this agreement, I commit my organization's full participation in the project and will work to achieve a designated level of improvement.

### Through our active participation in the Campaign for Kidney Health, our patients and staff will benefit from the following:

- > Leadership in a national Medicare Quality Improvement Initiative
- > On-site quality improvement (QI) assistance and collaboration with TMF staff to identify processes that can lead to improved health outcomes and increased patient and staff satisfaction
- > Consultation and technical assistance in implementing and tracking evidence-based interventions, including performance feedback and analysis support, that delay or prevent chronic kidney disease (CKD)
- > Access to local, regional, statewide and national data, benchmarks and "best practices"
- > Staff training in QI methodology, CKD care and CKD screening and treatment among high-risk patients
- > Access to tools to improve staff communication and internal processes that result in efficient, cost-effective, high quality delivery of care and increased staff and patient satisfaction
- > Access to no-cost patient educational materials, tools and resources to improve the quality of care provided

### As an active participant in the Campaign for Kidney Health, the practice agrees to the following:

- > Maintain CKD as one of our priorities through July 2011 and designate a physician leader and team for the project
- > Openly consider new ideas for improving processes of care and achieve improvement in the care of our patients as evidenced by improvements in CKD clinical measures
- > Allow front-line staff to attend mutually scheduled on-site education sessions
- > Use internal data (in compliance with applicable laws and regulations) to ascertain how to improve performance
- > Use CKD resources and materials to implement a systems change that will sustain improvements in care
- > Collaborate with TMF on periodic progress updates
- > Consider integration of PQRI measurement into the practice
- > Consider using a certified EHR, if practical, to implement a CKD care management process
- > Complete a mid-course and final survey assessing TMF's ability to assist our practice

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Signature of Medical Practice Leader

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Date

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Physician practice name:

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