



buyers health care action group
BHCAG

Minnesota Bridges to Excellence

BHCAG introduced MNBTE, a purchaser-led pay-for-performance program, in Minnesota in 2006 and continues to manage the program today. MNBTE was tailored specifically for the Minnesota marketplace, utilizing existing infrastructure – measures developed by the Institute for Clinical System Improvement (ICSI) and public reporting by Minnesota Community Measurement. The goals of MNBTE are to:

- Improve the quality of care for patients
- Raise the level of purchaser and consumer awareness about the variation in quality
- Encourage provider competition based on quality outcomes

Champions of Change

Fourteen purchasers provide health care coverage to over 800,000 individuals, pay rewards for optimal performance in diabetes, vascular and depression care. The Champions of Change include:

- 3M
- Best Buy
- Carlson Companies
- Honeywell
- Medtronic
- Resource Training and Solutions
- Southwest/West Central Service Cooperative
- State of MN Department of Human Services, Health Care Purchasing
- State of MN - State Employee Group Insurance Program
- Target
- U.S. Bank
- University of Minnesota
- Wells Fargo

MNBTE Guiding Coalition

A multi-stakeholder advisory body ensures collaboration, consensus and the success of the program. Members, in addition to the Champions of Change, include representatives from:

- Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota
- Buyers Health Care Action Group
- Family Health Services Minnesota, P.A.
- HealthPartners
- Institute for Clinical Systems Improvement
- Integrity Health Network
- Medica
- Minnesota Community Measurement
- Minnesota Medical Association
- PreferredOne
- Stratis Health

