

Fresno Unified health program wins award

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Community Medical Providers, a Fresno-based group of primary-care physicians, was recognized by the California Academy of Family Physicians with an award for a pilot program with the Fresno Unified School District.

The medical group won the Patient-Centered Medical Home Practice of the Year award. CMP joined with Fresno Unified in July 2012 to work with about 2,500 patients covered under the school district's insurance. The pilot program reportedly reduced medical costs by about \$1 million over its first 12 months while raising the quality of medical care by showing improved diabetes control, blood pressure and cholesterol levels among participating patients.

According to the award announcement, the first-year success led Fresno Unified to extend the program through June 2015.

Read more here: http://www.fresnobee.com/2014/03/17/3827990/fresno-unified-health-program.html#storylink=cpy