Improved systems of care for early detection, linkage, and continuous care for persons with HIV/AIDS

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**Background**

In 2015, the Institute of Medicine (IOM) published an expert report calling for better integration between primary care and public health to improve the health of populations (IOM, 2015). Integration of primary care and public health is an important component of systems of care for persons with HIV/AIDS. Lack of coordination among public health and community-based organizations (CBOs) that deliver HIV prevention and screening and organizations that provide primary care contributes to late diagnosis, delayed entry to care, and poor health outcomes for many persons with HIV/AIDS (Maggioni et al., 2011; Pearson & Brown, 2007).

**Methods**

In May 2015, the team met with groups of key informants in each area, the team worked with a lead community partner to facilitate communications and engagement from many stakeholder organizations.

In the initial lists of organizations, the average system size was 31 organizations (range: 6% to 54%). A smaller number (13%) provided housing and case management services, whereas the remaining services were provided by a variety of other stakeholders. The iterative review process with stakeholders revealed additional organizations that provided care delivery services.

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**Conclusions**

Early results from the Integrating to Improve project highlight the need for implementation strategies to improve the integration of primary care and public health for persons with HIV/AIDS in four areas.

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