**Project Title:** Community Health Workers (CHWs) Addressing Diabetes at the Patient Level

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**Purpose/Description:** To empower individuals to take control of their diabetes by teaching them how to access appropriate health care and educating them on the importance of adherence to provider instructions and medication.

**Key Components:**
- Classes: Education; addressing the myths; medication compliance; reading labels/cooking healthier; importance of physical activity
- One-on-One Education: Same components as the classes but since it is at their home, the family participates in the learning process
- Case Management: Get patient into care; attend provider visits; reiterate provider instructions; medication compliance; future appts

**Performance Metrics:**
- Fewer hospitalizations - $198,100 in potential savings (2013)
- Reduced risk of amputation - $202,216 in potential savings (2013)
- Reduced A1c - $44,580 in potential savings (2013)

**Lessons Learned:**
- Metrics are essential - they prove year after year that health care dollars are being saved/prevented and that quality of life has improved for patients with diabetes.
- Appropriate education for the CHWs is essential for the work to be accomplished effectively.