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### AHRQ's PBRN Publication Contest:

#### Improving the Delivery of Recommended Vaccines

Improving adult immunization rates is a national health priority. Each year, more than 40,000 American adults—including working-age men and women, healthcare workers, seniors, and others—die, and hundreds of thousands more are hospitalized, from diseases that can be inexpensively prevented by immunization. Vaccines are extremely cost-effective prevention agents. Providing vaccinations to children remains an important goal as well.

The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) in coordination with the Department of Health and Human Services' (DHHS) National Vaccine Program Office is pleased to announce a contest for peer-reviewed publications from PBRN-based research and quality improvement strategies which enhance patients' receipt of recommended vaccines, for adults or children, or both. The manuscripts will be evaluated by members of DHHS leadership and a few members of the PBRN community. The winners will be announced at the June 2013 North American Primary Care Research Group (NAPCRG) Conference. Winners will also be noted on various DHHS websites including, [www.Vaccines.gov](http://www.Vaccines.gov).

**Eligibility criteria:** To be eligible, manuscripts must be peer-reviewed publications that resulted from PBRN-based projects on improving the delivery of recommended vaccines. Papers published starting January 1, 2007 are eligible; peer-reviewed manuscripts that have been accepted for publication by June 14, 2013 may be submitted. Manuscripts which exclusively focus on vaccine safety are not the focus of this particular call for papers.

#### Submission requirements:

- Provide a PDF file of the published peer-reviewed document. If your peer-reviewed manuscript has been accepted for publication by June 14, 2013, you may submit it.
- Provide full citation of the paper.
- If the project was supported by government funding, please identify the sponsoring agency, principal investigator, project title and number.

- Provide a succinct (250 words or less) description of the importance of the project and the extent to which your project has been sustained beyond the study period.
- **Submission deadline: April 30, 2013**
- **E-mail your submission package to: [PBRN@abtassoc.com](mailto:PBRN@abtassoc.com)**

I look forward to your participation in this and future publication contests as we feature your findings to various Federal partners and the public, we serve.

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