

# HealthReach Community Health Centers



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## Sheepscot Valley Health Center Earns National Recognition for Patient-Centered Care

COOPERS MILLS – The National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) has announced that Sheepscot Valley Health Center of Coopers Mills has received NCQA Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH) Recognition for using evidence-based, patient-centered processes that focus on highly coordinated care and long-term, participative relationships.

The NCQA Patient-Centered Medical Home is a model of primary care that combines teamwork and information technology to improve care, improve patients' experience of care and reduce costs. Medical homes foster ongoing partnerships between patients and their personal clinicians, instead of approaching care as the sum of episodic office visits. Each patient's care is overseen by clinician-led care teams that coordinate treatment across the health care system. [Research](#) shows that medical homes can lead to higher quality and lower costs, and can improve patient and provider reported experiences of care.

"NCQA Patient-Centered Medical Home Recognition raises the bar in defining high-quality care by emphasizing access, health information technology and coordinated care focused on patients," said NCQA President Margaret E. O'Kane. "Recognition shows that Sheepscot Valley Health Center has the tools, systems and resources to provide its patients with the right care, at the right time."

Sheepscot Valley Health Center is located at 47 Main Street in Coopers Mills. Tel: 207-549-7581.  
[www.SheepscotCHC.org](http://www.SheepscotCHC.org)

Anyone can easily access organizations' NCQA statuses and other information on health care quality on National Committee for Quality Assurance's Web site at <http://www.ncqa.org>, or by calling NCQA Customer Support at (888) 275-7585.

Sheepscot Valley Health Center is part of HealthReach Community Health Centers, a group of eleven Federally Qualified Health Centers in Central and Western Maine. Dedicated providers deliver high quality medical and behavioral health care to citizens in over 80 rural communities. To ensure access for everyone, HealthReach accepts Medicare, MaineCare and major insurances. In addition, an Affordable Care Program is available to uninsured and underinsured residents as well as assistance with applications for programs that help with the cost of healthcare and medications including the Health Insurance Marketplace. A private, non-profit with a 41-year history, HealthReach is funded by patient fees, grants and individual donations.