

On Lok Receives Justin Ford Kimball Innovators Award

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The American Hospital Association (AHA) today presented the Justin Ford Kimball Innovators Award to On Lok Lifeways, a not-for-profit comprehensive service delivery program for seniors (55 or older) located in San Francisco, Calif. The award recognizes organizations that have made outstanding contributions in health care delivery and financing.

“On Lok goes well beyond the traditional role of a health care organization,” said AHA President and CEO Rich Umbdenstock. “A leader and model for other organizations, On Lok is a testament to what innovation and compassion within a organization can create - a healthier, more complete and united community supported by those it serves.

On Lok was founded in the early 1970s by a group of citizens concerned about the plight of elders and the lack of long term care options in the community. Today On Lok serves its community through:

- *On Lok Lifeways* - a comprehensive health plan that provides long-term care for eligible seniors living in the greater San Francisco area. The program offers full medical care and support services with the goal of helping seniors live at home and in the community for as long as possible.
- *30th Street Senior Center* - the largest multi-purpose senior center in San Francisco offering a broad range of programs

including nutrition and congregate meals, home delivered meals and bilingual case management.

- *On Lok Intergenerational Program* - a program that brings together On Lok Lifeways members and children from neighboring childcare centers and elementary schools.
- *Housing* - three buildings with various types of residential units for older adults.

On Lok’s ability to seamlessly meet the needs of the individuals and communities it serve is a model to other health care delivery systems with few achieving this level of innovation and success. It demonstrates not only the capability of a dedicated delivery system to improve quality of life but also how care can be provided cost-effectively through workable and innovative financing systems. Its successes led to its replication nationwide.

On Lok is the acknowledged model for the federal capitated Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE); there are currently 61 PACE programs throughout the nation.

About AHA

The AHA is a not-for-profit association of health care provider organizations and individuals that are committed to the improvement of health in their communities. The AHA is the national advocate for its members, which includes more than 5,000 member hospitals, health systems and other health care organizations, and 38,000 individual members. Founded in 1898, the AHA provides education for health care leaders and is a source of information on health care issues and trends.