

Ohio PCMH Weekly

Ohio PCMH Weekly is a summary of Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH) news from around Ohio, as well as a sampling of national PCMH news and educational opportunities. Comments, suggestions, and subscription requests can be directed to PCMH@odh.ohio.gov.

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ODH updates

Welcome to the first edition of Ohio PCMH Weekly! In order to provide you with timely updates on the many PCMH happenings, we will send out this weekly summary of news and educational opportunities, in the hopes that this will be helpful to those interested in PCMH transformation in Ohio. We encourage your comments and suggestions as we work to ensure that we provide updates that are useful to you. Please send your comments, suggestions, and ideas about Ohio PCMH Weekly to PCMH@odh.ohio.gov.

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The Ohio Department of Health is pleased to announce that primary care practice transformation, made possible through a two-year PCMH pilot project established by House Bill 198, will begin soon! Through funding from the Ohio Department of Job & Family Services, the Ohio Department of Health has been able to hire a vendor to train 50 participating practices to transform into Patient-Centered Medical Homes. A Request for Proposals (RFP) was released to identify the vendor who can best facilitate the training and implementation process of practice transformation in Ohio; those proposals have been reviewed and scored, and we're happy to report that the contract has been awarded to TransforMED. We will work through details and timelines with TransforMED and soon be able to provide more information about the two-year pilot project.



Educational Opportunities

Webinar Topic: The Medical Home Experience: Care Coordination and the Patient's Role in Shared Decision Making and Team Communication

Date: Thursday, July 12, 2012

Event Time: 1:00 – 2:30pm ET

Speakers: Melinda

Abrams, Commonwealth Fund and **Christine Bechtel**, National Partnership for Women and Families

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A new opportunity in Ohio for involvement in a Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH) initiative is the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation's (CMMI) Comprehensive Primary Care initiative (CPCi). CPCi is a multi-payer initiative fostering collaboration between public and private health care payers to strengthen primary care. Medicare will work with commercial and state health insurance plans and offer bonus payments to primary care physicians who better coordinate care for their patients. Participating primary care practices will be given resources to better coordinate primary care for their Medicare patients. On April 11, 2012, CMMI announced that the Cincinnati-Dayton region was one of seven regions in the U.S. selected for CPCi. Providers interested in applying must complete the application pre-screening tool on the CMMI web site. Those meeting the minimum level eligibility requirements will receive an email with further details about the upcoming application and how to apply to the program. The application deadline is July 20 and all interested physician and APN-led practices are encouraged to apply. More information about CPCi, including practice eligibility requirements and the application pre-screening tool, is available on the CMMI web site at <http://innovations.cms.gov/initiatives/Comprehensive-Primary-Care-Initiative/index.html>.



Spotlight

Has your practice recently achieved PCMH recognition? We would like to highlight your achievements in this section of Ohio PCMH Weekly. Please send your submissions to PCMH@odh.ohio.gov.

Articles

Sharp increase expected in number of nurse practitioners

This article from American Medical News begins with the statement, "The nurse practitioner population will nearly double by 2025, according to an analysis published in the July Medical Care, the official journal of the medical care section of the American Public Health Association." The article asserts that the growth in the profession will be especially noticeable in primary care and that new care models such as the patient-centered medical home and accountable care organizations depend on nurse practitioners and physician assistants. <http://www.ama-assn.org/amednews/2012/07/02/bisb0702.htm>

Med schools start picturing their place in a medical home world

In this article, American Medical News describes how medical schools and residency programs are working to prepare students for practicing in a patient-centered medical home. The article features the Boonshoft School of Medicine at Wright State University and their participation in the H.B. 198 pilot project. <http://www.ama-assn.org/amednews/2012/06/25/prl10625.htm>