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# NYS PCMH: Practice Transformation for Pediatric Primary Care

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***The NYS AAP District II, A Coalition of AAP NY Chapters 1, 2 & 3, is working with all members on a NYS Patient Centered Medical Home practice transformation project (NYS PCMH) with the support of NYSDOH***

What is Practice Transformation? And how can you in your practice get from where you are today to NYS PCMH Recognition?

Practice Transformation, as defined in the current NYS health care delivery system for primary care, is the process a pediatric practice engages in to move from a specific NCQA level to achieve requirements under NYS PCMH. However, if a practice is not yet certified at any NCQA level, it can still work towards NYS PCMH certification, but these efforts can require resources and strategies that can be more complex.

Working toward NYS PCM certification now will allow a practice to access no cost Technical Assistance. Practices can also qualify for NCQA initial recognition and Annual Reporting fees to be waived. If practices meet certain qualifications, incentive payments can be made available to practices for joining a RHIO (Regional Health Information Exchange). More information on the RHIO's & QEs is available on the NYSDOH website here <https://www.nyhealth.org/shin-ny/qualified-entities/>

These financial incentives may not be available for the duration of practice transformation efforts. It is imperative that pediatric practices make informed decisions about their engagement in practice transformation now and get the help they need and deserve along with any on the ground transformation and incentive support currently available to achieve NYS PCMH recognition.

New York State is moving toward having all primary care practices NYS PCMH recognized by the end of CMS' State Innovation Model (SIM) grant at the end of 2019. The goal is to have all primary care practices NYS PCMH certified so that all practices can engage in VBP or other outcome based payment agreements with insurers. As has been mentioned in an earlier newsletter, New York State has committed to having 80-90% of all Medicaid Managed Care in VBP contracts by 2020. Pediatric primary care practices need to move forward now with TA assistance and other available incentives to be ready by 2020 to engage in VBP contracts and Population Health algorithms which will be the future of payment for primary care in

New York.

Fortunately, the majority of pediatric practices across New York State have already engaged in some level of practice transformation by working with NCQA to create a Level 2 or 3 Patient Centered Medical Home. Many practices may have also engaged in at least one and perhaps several QI projects. The concepts of Patient Centered Medical Home started in pediatrics and the Bright Futures 4th edition offers a guide to what care coordination, integrated behavioral health, chronic health condition management and many more of the core criteria look like in high quality pediatric care.

The next step for most practices at this time is to work with a regional Technical Assistance vendor organization and make the commitment to work toward and to achieve NYS PCMH certification. Working with a Technical Assistance vendor will help pediatricians design and implement a process to create goals, objectives and a realistic timeline for your practice to achieve NYS PCMH recognition. The offer of no-cost assistance is limited and pediatric practices should take this step today.

With the help of a state authorized TA provider, each practice will be assessed for its existing capacity to complete the NYS PCMH process and exactly what actions must be taken and how they will operationalize a practice to move toward NYS PCMH recognition. The TA vendors work in partnership with the practice until the practice achieves NYS PCMH recognition. [Access the TA provider list with this link.](#)

Each practice will start at a different place, depending on its current level of NCQA recognition, its engagement in data sharing, its level of EHR sophistication and whether or not it is currently working with a RHIO, (Qualified Entity for health data exchange).

But our message to members is that NYS PCMH is the only option in New York to achieve high quality patient centered medical home recognition and to access incentive payments from Medicaid and from commercial insurers supporting the NYS PCMH model. We encourage pediatric practices to move forward now. If practices want to be better prepared to participate in multi-payer incentive models linked to NYS PCMH they need to start engaging in work toward NYS PCMH recognition now and to be ready for VBP contract within the next 24 months.

We have defined the Core Criteria, created links for you to access available TA, and have mentioned connection to the RHIO's for information sharing. In the next newsletter we will describe the ROMC's, Regional Operating Management Committees, and further explore connection to the RHIO's.

But practices need to take the first steps now. Use the link above to contact the TA providers in your area. All you need to do is contact them, they will take the next steps with you to set up a time to discuss your needs as you move toward NYS PCMH recognition.

Please use this link to access FAQ about NYS PCMH:

[https://www.health.ny.gov/technology/innovation\\_plan\\_initiative/docs/pcmh\\_faq.pdf](https://www.health.ny.gov/technology/innovation_plan_initiative/docs/pcmh_faq.pdf)

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# SAVE THE DATE!

January 30, 2019 at 12:00 noon

## WEBINAR:

### ***Pediatric Practice Transformation & NYS PCMH... The Road Ahead***

The NYSDOH & NYS AAP are working together to design and deliver a webinar focused on NYS PCMH pediatric practice transformation.

Drs. Marcus Friedrich & Jeanne Alicandro will present on the vision, and the nuts and bolts of NYS PCMH. A pediatric practice currently engaged in transformation will also share its experiences.

There will be ample time for Q& A. The registration link will be available shortly.

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