



### What is NYS PCMH?

The Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH) is a way of organizing primary care that emphasizes high quality, evidence-based practices, care coordination, communication and improved access and continuity. Recognition through the National Committee for Quality Assurance’s (NCQA) Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH) program is widely-used to transform primary care practices into medical homes. The New York State PCMH program, which was launched April 1, 2018, is collaboration between the New York State Department of Health and NCQA to develop a PCMH model specifically for New York primary care practices.

### Why NYS PCMH?

Generally, medical homes have been shown to improve the patient experience, result in higher quality of care, and reduce costs. Key attributes of PCMHs are:

- Patient-centered
- Team-based
- Accessible
- Commitment to quality and safety
- Health information technology enhancement
- Comprehensive
- Coordinated
- Population Management

The New York State specific model further emphasizes behavioral health integration, value-based payment participation, robust care management and care coordination, and data exchange capabilities.

### Incentive Payments for NYS PCMH

#### Recognition

Practices with PCMH recognition receive incentive payments from NYS Medicaid (and other commercial insurance companies). More information about the incentive payments for PCMH recognition is available at [https://www.health.ny.gov/health\\_care/medicaid/program/update/2017/2017-04.htm](https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/program/update/2017/2017-04.htm).

### What if I’m already PCMH recognized?

PCMH 2014 Level 3 recognized: To transition to NYS PCMH, practices will submit an annual report to demonstrate ongoing activities consistent with the PCMH model and achievement of the New York State – specific requirements.

PCMH 2014 Level 1 or 2 recognized: Practices undergo an accelerated renewal process, submitting documentation for certain PCMH criteria and attesting to others.

### Support to Achieve NYS PCMH

Practices are eligible to receive fully funded practice transformation technical assistance to understand the NYS PCMH model, achieve value driving capabilities, and conduct initial and ongoing assessments to understand and document current competencies and areas for development. Technical assistance includes face-to-face coaching meetings, participation in webinars and group trainings, as well as on-going email and phone call guidance. Once enrolled in the program, practices must demonstrate sufficient progress towards meeting PCMH capabilities in order to continue to receive practice transformation.

**For Questions or to enroll to receive free Technical Assistance, Please Contact:**

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