

## **FEDERAL PATIENT CENTERED MEDICAL HOME (PCMH) COLLABORATIVE**

Catalogue of Federal PCMH Activities *as of June 2011, with updated pilot or demonstration programs as of October 2012*

### **OPERATING DIVISION/DEPARTMENT:**

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### **PRÉCIS:**

The CMS Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI) has implemented the Medicare Multi-Payer Advanced Primary Care Practice Demonstration (MAPCP), Federally Qualified Health Center Advanced Primary Care Demonstration (FQHC APCP), and the Comprehensive Primary Care (CPC) Initiative. They are also developing other demonstration projects that will test and evaluate advanced primary care practice (also referred to as patient centered medical home or PCMH) models of care delivery and payment. CMS' involvement in work related to the PCMH is expanding due to legislation in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA).

### **STRATEGIC GOALS OF THE OPERATING DIVISION/DEPARTMENT:**

- *Strategic goals not yet developed.* CMS does not have an explicit strategy for PCMH- related work. To date, the requirement for CMS to create PCMH projects has been driven by external stakeholders, namely Congress and the White House. The ACA references CMS' involvement in medical home-type work, specifically through CMS' Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovations (CMMI).

### **AREAS OF PCMH ACTIVITY:**

#### **Direct provision of health care services or funding of care**

- *Medicare Multi-Payer Advanced Primary Care Practice Demonstration (MAPCP).* The MAPCP demo includes payment of monthly care management fees for Medicare beneficiaries receiving advanced primary care. This demonstration is described in more detail below.

#### **Pilot or demonstration programs – Updated as of October 2012**

- *Medicare Multi-Payer Advanced Primary Care Practice Demonstration (MAPCP).*

Under this demonstration program, Medicare will participate in existing State multi-payer health reform initiatives that include participation from both Medicaid and private health plans. The demonstration program will pay a monthly care management fee for beneficiaries receiving primary care from “advanced primary care” (APC) practices, often referred to as “medical homes.” The care management fee is intended to cover care coordination, improved access, patient education and other services to support beneficiaries, particularly those with chronic illnesses. In addition, each participating State will have mechanisms to offer APC practices community support and linkages to State health promotion and disease prevention initiatives. The demonstration will operate for 3 years in eight states: Maine, Vermont, Rhode Island, New York, Pennsylvania, North Carolina, Michigan and Minnesota. Over the three year course of the demonstration more than 1200 practices and almost one million beneficiaries are expected to be included. More information is available at:

<http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Demonstration-Projects/DemoProjectsEvalRpts/Medicare-Demonstrations-Items/CMS1230016.html>

- *Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) Advanced Primary Care Practice (APCP) Demonstration.* On December 9, 2009, the White House issued a presidential announcement that required CMS, in collaboration with HRSA, to conduct a 3-year Demonstration designed to evaluate the effect of the advanced primary care practice model, commonly referred to as the patient-centered medical home, in improving care, promoting health, and reducing the cost of care provided to Medicare beneficiaries served by FQHCs. More information is available at: <http://innovation.cms.gov/initiatives/FQHCs/index.html>
- *Comprehensive Primary Care (CPC) Initiative.* The Comprehensive Primary Care (CPC) initiative 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 doctors who better coordinate care for their patients. Primary care practices that choose to participate in this initiative will be given resources to better coordinate primary care for their Medicare patients. More information is available at: <http://innovation.cms.gov/initiatives/Comprehensive-Primary-Care-Initiative/index.html>

#### **Technical assistance, implementation assistance**

- *Technical assistance to FQHCs participating in the APCP demonstration.* CMS and HRSA will provide technical assistance to all participating FQHCs to help with developing PCMH capabilities for the recognition process and to help with practice transformation. The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), through a contract with the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA), has developed a series of technical assistance and training resources that highlight successful strategies for obtaining and maintaining PCMH recognition status. Technical assistance will include educational and training sessions, and webinars that focus on understanding NCQA standards, and mock surveys to gain

experience with the NCQA PCMH recognition process and documentation requirements. In addition, CMS is developing transformational learning systems to assist participating FQHCs to successfully transform their practice into a recognized patient-centered medical home. Core training modules will be provided on specific topics essential to performing as a patient-centered medical or health home. Topics may include patient-centered care, team-based delivery, the use of data/performance feedback for continuous quality improvement, and improving care transitions. Learning communities or collaboratives will also be created where groups of FQHCs, either identified by geographic area, areas of interest for transformation, or some other criteria participate in a series of webinars, conference calls, or face-to-face meetings to receive additional training, share implementation experiences, and provide support to each other in their transformation.

#### **Research (includes evaluation)**

- *Evaluation of the Medicare Multi-Payer Advanced Primary Care Practice Demonstration (MAPCP)*. The MAPCP (described above) will include a formal evaluation.
- *Evaluation of the Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) Advanced Primary Care Practice (APCP) Demonstration*. The FQHC APCP Demo (described above) will also involve a formal evaluation.
- *Evaluation of the Comprehensive Primary Care (CPC) Initiative*. The CPC Initiative (described above) will also involve a formal evaluation.

#### **MATERIALS:**

##### **Websites**

- *CMS and Medicare Demonstrations websites*. The CMS website contains all of the press releases, fact sheets, and frequently asked questions related to PCMH projects. Access the agency website at <http://www.cms.gov/>. The Medicare Demonstrations page displays most of the PCMH-related projects currently underway. Visit <http://www.cms.gov/DemoProjectsEvalRpts/MD/list.asp#TopOfPage> to view active demonstrations.

#### **ACTIVE PCMH COLLABORATIONS WITH FEDERAL PARTNERS:**

- *Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)*. CMS is collaborating with HRSA as part of the FQHC APCP Demonstration, and HRSA brings FQHC expertise and technical assistance resources to the project.