



Patient-Centered Primary Care Home Program Update

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New report: PCPCH Health Equity Initiative

In 2021 the PCPCH Program launched an initiative to identify barriers to health equity within Oregon's primary care system in order to guide improvements to the PCPCH model and standards. The initiative included a literature review, health disparity data analysis, and interviews with over 25 community-based organizations, practices, and agencies within Oregon. Findings and implications are included in the [2021 PCPCH Program Health Equity Initiative Report](#).

Help with picking an assessment strategy for PCPCH Standard 3.D

PCPCH Standard 3.D - *Comprehensive Health Assessment & Intervention* encourages primary care practices to assess their patients' health-related social needs (HRSN) such as housing instability, food insecurity, and exposure to interpersonal violence as these directly impact health outcomes. [Kaiser Permanente has created a resource](#) to help practices find a screening tool that works for them based on what types of social needs are relevant to their patient population.

Find Screening Tools

Use the filters below to select domains and constructs to find screening tools that meet any of the selected criteria.

<p>Economic Stability Select all</p> <hr/> <input type="checkbox"/> Employment <input type="checkbox"/> Income <input type="checkbox"/> Expenses <input type="checkbox"/> Debt <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Bills <input type="checkbox"/> Economic Support	<p>Education Select all</p> <hr/> <input type="checkbox"/> Early Childhood Education and Development <input type="checkbox"/> High School Graduation <input type="checkbox"/> Higher Education <input type="checkbox"/> Language <input type="checkbox"/> Literacy and Health Literacy <input type="checkbox"/> Vocational Training	<p>Food Select all</p> <hr/> <input type="checkbox"/> Hunger/Food (In)security <input type="checkbox"/> Access to Healthy Options	<p>Health and Clinical Care Select all</p> <hr/> <input type="checkbox"/> Access to Health Care <input type="checkbox"/> Health Coverage <input type="checkbox"/> Provider Availability <input type="checkbox"/> Linguistic and Cultural Competency within Healthcare Systems <input type="checkbox"/> Quality of Care	<p>Neighborhood and Physical Environment Select all</p> <hr/> <input type="checkbox"/> Safety, Crime and Violence <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Conditions <input type="checkbox"/> Quality of Housing <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Parks <input type="checkbox"/> Playgrounds <input type="checkbox"/> Walkability	<p>Social and Community Context Select all</p> <hr/> <input type="checkbox"/> Discrimination <input type="checkbox"/> Incarceration <input type="checkbox"/> Social Integration <input type="checkbox"/> Social Support Systems <input type="checkbox"/> Community Engagement <input type="checkbox"/> Immigration / Refugee Status
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Omicron variant guidance & resources

As primary care practices across the state work hard on their response to the COVID-19 Omicron variant, we want to remind our PCPCHs of the guidance and resources that are available:

[COVID-19 Updates for Oregon Providers](#): This webpage contains recent memos and updates for healthcare providers related to COVID-19. Updates posted in the last month include updated guidance on staff who have been exposed or infected and talking to parents/caregivers about vaccines.

[COVID-19 Vaccine Information for Oregon Providers](#): This webpage contains information and resources related to COVID-19 vaccines in Oregon. Topics include vaccine distribution requirements, funding, talking points, training, how to enroll as a COVID-19 vaccine provider, and other frequently-asked questions.

Free webinar on primary care payment reform

Thursday January 27th, 11am - 12pm

In this webinar hosted by the Primary Care Collaborative, speakers such as Dr. Robert Berenson will review primary care payment concepts and models, followed by a discussion of different payment approaches and design issues in crafting hybrid models using both fee schedule and capitation components. [Click here for additional information](#) and [click here to register](#).



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pricing power in commercial insurance markets, and new forms of health delivery based on reinvigorated primary care practices. In 2012, Berenson completed a three-year term on the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission, the last two years as vice chair. From 1998 to 2000, he was in charge of Medicare payment policy and private health plan contracting in the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Previously, he served as an assistant director of the White House Domestic Policy Staff under President Carter. [read more](#)

Free tobacco cessation counseling training to address higher COVID-19 risk for cigarette smokers (with CME)

With cigarette smokers at higher risk for COVID-19, this short online course will improve your care team's ability to help patients quit tobacco. The course focuses on brief tobacco intervention and motivational interviewing techniques. It is free, self-paced, takes approximately 45 minutes, and can be started, paused and resumed later as needed. [Click here to access the training.](#)

CMEs: This training has been reviewed and is accepted for up to 1.0 prescribed credit from the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP). For other licensing boards that may not pre-approve continuing education credits (for example, the Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists), please submit the certificate of participation to your accrediting body.

Questions?

We are here to help! Contact us at PCPCH@dhsosha.state.or.us.

About the Patient-Centered Primary Care Home Program

Patient-Centered Primary Care Homes (PCPCH) are health care clinics that have been recognized by the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) for their commitment to providing high quality, patient-centered care. The PCPCH Program administers the application, recognition, and verification process for practices applying to become Patient-Centered Primary Care Homes. The program is also working with stakeholders across Oregon to support adoption of the primary care home model. For more information visit www.PrimaryCareHome.oregon.gov.

The mission of the PCPCH Program is to be a trusted partner in primary care, collaborating with stakeholders to set the standard for transformative, whole-person, and evidence-based care.