

Program Update –March 2016

PCPCH Standards Advisory Committee Report Now Available

The Patient-Centered Primary Care Home (PCPCH) Standards Advisory Committee (the committee) provides the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) with policy and technical expertise for the PCPCH model of care. The committee is comprised of diverse stakeholders from across Oregon including clinicians, patients, representatives from health plans and professional associations.

The 2015 committee met ten times from June through December 2015, and was tasked by OHA with three goals:

1. Revise a specific set of existing standards and measures based upon staff and community experience with the model;
2. Refine the current tier structure/measurement system; and
3. Develop recommendations on standards for integration of primary physical health care in sites where the main focus is delivery of behavioral health care services.

The [2015 PCPCH Standards Advisory Committee Report](#) contains proposed changes to the PCPCH model. Among the proposed changes presented in this report include clarifying and strengthening existing standards and measures, the addition of one new “must pass” measure, and a redistribution of total available points across five tiers. The proposed changes are designed to incrementally adapt the model to the changing health care needs of the state, align the model with the best evidence where it is available, and also to improve the effectiveness of the standards and measures overall.

Also included in this report are proposed Behavioral Health Home (BHH) standards to further support physical and behavioral health care integration and strengthen Oregon’s behavioral health care delivery system.

The committee’s proposed changes to the PCPCH model and feedback from other stakeholders will be incorporated into a revised PCPCH model that will be implemented in January 2017 through [Oregon Administrative Rule](#) (OARs) in 2016. Any clinic applying or re-applying for PCPCH recognition after January 2017 must apply under the revised PCPCH model. An updated [PCPCH Program Recognition Criteria Technical Specifications and Reporting Guide](#) (TA Guide) reflecting the revised model will be published by fall 2016.

Have Questions?

We are here to help! Email PCPCH@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.