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CMS FQHC Advanced Primary Care Practice Demonstration: NCQA Recognition Support and Other New Federal PCMH Opportunities

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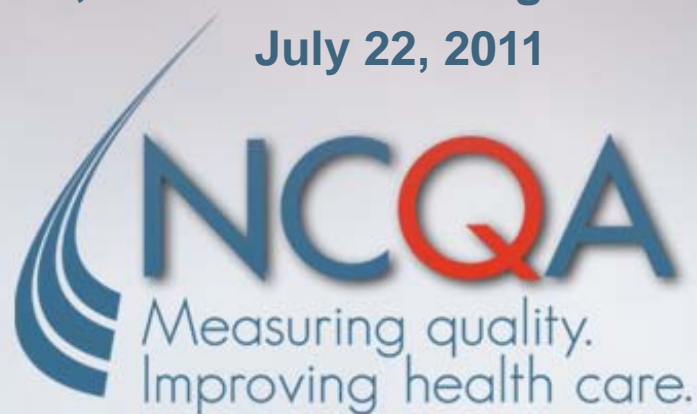
NCQA and Government Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH) Initiatives



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National Committee for Quality Assurance

NCQA

Private, independent non-profit health care quality oversight organization founded in 1990

MISSION

To improve the quality of health care.

VISION

To transform health care through quality measurement, transparency, and accountability.

ILLUSTRATIVE PROGRAMS:

- * HEDIS – Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set
- * Health Plan Accreditation
- * Clinician Recognition
- * Disease Management
- * Wellness & Health Promotion Accreditation
- * Consumer Union’s Health Plans Rankings
- * Quality Dividend Calculator

NCQA RECOGNITION PROGRAMS

- **>25,443 Clinician Recognitions nationally across all Recognition programs (as of 3/31/11)**
- **Clinical programs**
 - Diabetes Recognition Program (DRP)
 - Heart/Stroke Recognition Program (HSRP)
 - Back Pain Recognition Program (BPRP)
- **Practice process and structural measures**
 - Physician Practice Connections (PPC) – includes specialty practices
 - Physician Practice Connections-Patient-Centered Medical Home (PPC-PCMH)
 - NCQA Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH) 2011

Government Recognition Initiatives and Projects

- Unit within NCQA's existing Recognition Programs created in 2010
- Focus on Federal and state government projects promoting Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH)/Advanced Primary Care Practice models
- Many projects flow from provisions within Health Care Reform

Federal Initiatives with NCQA's PCMH

- **HRSA Patient-Centered Medical Health Home Initiative**
 - Focus on Community Health Centers - serve rural, underserved, often nurse-led practices
 - Covers Recognition costs and technical assistance
 - Up to 500 Community Health Centers per year; 5 year contract
- **Military Health System - Military Treatment Facilities (MTF)**
 - Initially a PCMH self-assessment initially; then Recognition
 - 50 per year over 3 years
 - Includes: Internal Medicine, Family Practice, Pediatrics
- **CMS Advanced Primary Care Practice Demonstration**
 - Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs)
 - 500 FQHCs in 3-year
 - Track progress toward being a Medical Home
 - CMS reimburses for managing Medicare beneficiaries

HRSA Patient-Centered Medical/Health Home Initiative

- Geared toward all HRSA grantees
 - “330” grant recipients
- Provides full monetary support for:
 - NCQA PCMH Survey Tool
 - Application fees for Recognition Survey
- Provides Technical Assistance to participants

HRSA PCMHHI Technical Assistance

- **Provide Technical Assistance through:**
 - Monthly webinars
 - Standards and ISS trainings
 - Adding mock survey/in-person trainings in 2nd half of the year
 - Will provide additional assistance through analysis of actual organization documentation

HRSA PCMHHI Process

- Organization submits Notice of Intent (NOI) to HRSA to participate
- HRSA evaluates NOI with local area project officer
- Informs NCQA when organization approved
 - NCQA issues Survey Tool and on-line application access
 - Organization follows typical Recognition process

HRSA PCMHHI Project Status

- **31 Community Health Centers Recognized to date**
 - Majority at Level 3
 - All on 2008 Standards
- **Nearly 460 sites involved in the Initiative**
 - Original limit was 125, upped to 525 for at least FY 2011
- **Expect to fill the 525 maximum before the end of the summer**

CMS FQHC Advanced Primary Care Practice (APCP) Demonstration Project

- Goal is to measure progress by FQHCs toward becoming medical homes
- Geared toward FQHCs with significant service to Medicare beneficiaries
 - At least 200 beneficiaries “assigned” to the FQHC
 - “Assignment” based on visit history
- Demonstration project provides additional reimbursement to assist with changes
 - \$6/Medicare beneficiary/month

CMS Demonstration Project Process

- CMS identified list of eligible FQHCs
 - Sent invites in June
 - Additional invites this week
 - Expanded eligibility requirements
- Interested FQHCs complete an on-line application
- NCQA provides 2011 PCMH Survey Tool for Readiness Assessment
- FQHC completes Readiness Assessment

CMS Timeline

- CMS FQHC Advanced Primary Care Demonstration Project launched 6/6/2011
- Application Conference Call 6/21/2011
- Application period ends 8/26/2011
 - Applicants must complete and submit an on-line application
 - Must also complete a Readiness Assessment using the 2011 NCQA PCMH Survey Tool by 9/2/2011
- Demonstration Project starts 10/1/2011

CMS Timeline II

- If more than 500 applicants, a variety of characteristics will be used to determine final 500 participants
 - Geography
 - Scores on Readiness Assessment
 - Participation in other Demonstration Projects
- Final Participants notified in late September
- Payments begin in October

CMS Demonstration Project Participation

- Participants must update Survey Tools every 6 months afterwards
 - 10% audit to assess validity of responses
- Same Technical Assistance as HRSA participants
- Participants must agree to pursue NCQA Recognition at Level 3
- Participation in both HRSA and CMS projects is possible

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Importance of Recognition:

Why is recognition an important part of PCMH transformation?

- External recognition important to payers (public and private).
- Qualifies practices for enhanced payment in many different demonstrations (public and private).
- Many practices find value in the process of recognition, specifically documenting (or developing) policies and procedures.

Update on SNMHI Support for NCQA PCMH Recognition

- The SNMHI provides support for NCQA PCMH Recognition:
 - Coaching and technical assistance.
 - Funding for survey license and assistance with readiness assessment process.
 - Funding for application costs, if site is not eligible for federal funding.
- We encourage interested sites to apply for the Advanced Primary Care Demonstration.
- We will continue to provide support for SNMHI practices interested in pursuing the FQHC APCP demonstration.
- For more information, contact Anbrit Long, SNMHI Policy Analyst (anbritl@qualishealth.org)

Update on SNMHI Support for NCQA PCMH Recognition, cont.

Regions (Sites)	Achieved	Pursuing	Total
Colorado (13)	5	4	9
Idaho (13)		10	10
Massachusetts (14)	6	8	14
Oregon (15)			
Pittsburgh (10)	1	9	10
65	12	31	43



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