

The Evolution of the Pediatric Medical Home

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Session Goals

1. Review the current PCMH options
2. Discuss PMCH challenges in a pediatric setting
3. Explore the future of PCMH for pediatrics

Did you know?

- American Academy of Pediatrics began the PCMH concept in the 1960s
- Current accreditation organizations are simply “approved vendors”, they are not government backed agencies
- Non-profit organizations

What is the goal of a Pediatric Medical Home?

- Provide family centered care
- Coordinate care across the continuum
- Follow evidence-based guidelines
- Identify and manage high-risk patients
- Utilize technology for efficiency

Current PCMH Options

- Accreditation organizations
- Payer sponsored programs
- CIN/IPA/Supergroup requirements
- Individual transformation projects

What are the Challenges?

- No pediatric specific PCMH program
- Labor intensive projects
- Busy work that does not align with goals
- Lack of understanding of the nuances of pediatrics
- One-size fits all approach doesn't work for pediatric practices
- Payer recognition
- State support/policy change for Medicaid patients

Challenge - Pediatric Measures

- Standardized measures may not align to practice goals
- Unreasonable expectations on thresholds
- Top end reporting [what happens when you're at 97-100%??]
- Performance/quality improvement challenges

Challenge - Care Management

- Care management for pediatric patients does not look the same as adult care
- Pediatric patients / families need education
- Crafting a care plan to fit into a box is difficult
- Templates are great, but not always effective
- EMR configuration

The Future

The Alliance for Pediatric Medical Homes

- An accreditation organization that specializes in pediatric medical home transformation and accreditation
- Created by industry experts and pediatricians
- Managed by real pediatric professionals
- Supported by ABP and AAP
- Eligible for ABP MOC 4 credit
- External reviewers with EXPERIENCE in pediatric EMRs, workflows, and the practice of pediatrics

Transformation and Accreditation

- A one-stop shop for transformation support AND state approved accreditation
- EMR specific transformation coaches/support
- Advocacy for pediatricians
- Knowledgeable staff on eligible state incentives

Specialized Tracks

- HR/Admin Track
- Behavioral/Mental Health Track
- Social Determinants of Health Track
- Specialized tracks are intended for high performing practices to showcase their accomplishments
- Specialized tracks are **not** required

Measures

- Measures are meant to demonstrate what is important to your practice
- Measures do not need to be standard format
- Objective - be able to produce a meaningful and accurate data points
- Requirements:
 - Four clinical quality measures
 - One measure related to care coordination
 - One operational measure
- All reports are site specific, not by practice [MOC 4 requirement]
- Reports can be system generated or custom reported. Data must be in the numerator/denominator format with descriptions.

For Pediatrics - Provider Eligibility

- Pediatric providers licensed as a MD, DO, APRN, or PA
- Board certification with the ABP, ABFP, or ACOP (or in progress)
- APRN or PA owned practices with proper physician oversight, per state laws

For Pediatrics - Practice Eligibility

- Primary care pediatric practices
- Licensed & compliant with state requirements
- Single site or multisite (with requirements)
- Knowledge of basic computer functions
- Functioning document scanner & ability to participate in virtual / web-based meetings
- Ability to navigate virtual platforms & maintain an EMR

Use What You Have - P³

- The APMH Preferred Partner Program
 - Organizations that have gone through a rigorous evaluation process to demonstrate the functionality required to support the unique operations of pediatric practices and the ability to meet the APMH practice requirements.
 - EMR/EHR & practice software organizations

PCC's Involvement

- PCC software aligns very well with requirements
- Complete review of PCC software from pediatric industry experts, if you're using it - you get credit!
- Currently in discussion on PCC/APMH collaboration

Next Steps

- Approval from states and payers to be added to the approved vendor lists
- Support from pediatric vendors
- Advocacy for pediatric incentive payments

Session Takeaways

1. The PCMH concept began in pediatrics
2. Current PCMH options are not pediatric friendly and do not help pediatric practices achieve the goals of PCMH
3. APMH provides medical home transformation and accreditation designed for pediatric practices

Session Takeaway

The future is pediatrics!

Questions