

# Meeting Summary for Care Management Committee Zoom Meeting

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## Quick recap

The meeting provided updates on the Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH) program, including its current status, recruitment efforts, and quality improvements. Discussions were held regarding changes to incentive measures, concerns about the State Plan Amendment, and potential impacts of federal budget cuts on Medicaid programs. The committee agreed to schedule follow-up meetings to address ongoing issues and prepare for future changes in healthcare policies.

## Next steps

David Kaplan to share the State Plan Amendment (SPA) sent to CMS with the committee members.

DSS to prepare for a discussion on the 2025 SPA and related questions at the June meeting.

Mercer and CHN teams to attend the June meeting to address questions about quality measures and program changes.

Committee members to send questions about Mercer's presentation to David Kaplan for compilation before the June meeting.

DSS to prepare an update on potential federal changes affecting Medicaid programs for the June meeting.

Committee to discuss the future of PCMH Plus program at the June meeting, including the potential extension beyond 2025.

David Kaplan to schedule both June and July meetings for the committee.

Committee members to review the \$6 million reduction in PCMH Plus funding in the Appropriations budget for discussion at the next meeting.

## Summary

### PCMH Program Status Update

Laura Demeyer from CHNCT provided a status update on the PCMH program. As of the end of April, the program had 124 practices. Co-Chair Representative Lucy Dathan mentioned that the House Session would start at 11, and if they couldn't finish their business for the day, they would have a June meeting.

### PCMH Program Progress and Recruitment

Laura Demeyer discussed the progress of the PCMH program, which currently has 98 Glide Path practices, 15 Glide Path renewal practices, and 16 PCMH accredited practices. The program has 395 sites and 1,875 providers. Laura also addressed the recruitment process, which involves reaching out to non-PCMH primary care practices annually to assess their eligibility. The primary reasons for not participating in the program are the lack of EHR reporting capabilities and perceived limited ROI. Laura also mentioned that the program has seen some consolidation of practices, but these practices remain part of the program. Ellen Andrews congratulated Laura on the program's progress and the successful recruitment efforts.

## PCMH Program Status and Improvement

Laura presented the current status of the PCMH program, highlighting that 54.2% of the total member population is attributed to a PCMH practice, with 65.1% of the total child HUSKY population and 45.8% of the adult population. She also noted that the number of practices in the program has remained stable at around 123, with a slight increase in 2023. Laura explained the process of how the CPTSS work with the practices, including the use of the PDSA cycle for quality improvement and the ability to share preliminary measure rates with the practices. She also presented the measurement year results for 2023, where 69 practices improved 32 different measures. Laura clarified that the data they gather is from claims, not the practice's EMRs.

## Improving Quality Measures and PCMH Plus

In the meeting, Ellen expressed her excitement about the quality improvements and asked for details about the types of practices choosing to do this, their sizes, and the measures they've chosen. She also inquired about the types of measures given as options and whether they mainly focus on process or outcome. Laura offered to send Ellen an email with the requested information and discuss it with Dr. Magras. The team then moved on to discuss the PCMH+ from the presentation from the March meeting, with David Krol asking about the possibility of extending PCMH+ beyond 2025. Dr. Magras clarified that he was absent for the last meeting and was not aware of any follow-up. The team discussed the individual pool measures and the challenge pool measures, with a focus on the measures that improved and worsened.

## Legacy PCMH Program Incentive Changes

Dr. Magras and Shawn Thiele Sacks discussed the changes in the incentive measures for the legacy PCMH program, with minimal changes from year to year. They also discussed the selection of replacement measures for the 2025 cycle due to measures either retiring or changing specifications. Ellen raised concerns about the shift from preventive hospitalizations and emergency department visits to more process measures, questioning the rationale behind this change. Larry and Shawn explained the challenges with the previous measures, including data access issues and the clinical judgment involved in determining preventability. They also introduced a new measure, emergency department visits per 100,000 member months, to provide more actionable information to practices.

## SPA Approval and Committee Visibility

In the meeting, Steven Colangelo expressed concern about the lack of visibility into the SPA (State Plan Amendment) that was sent to CMS (Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services) for approval. He suggested that the committee should have been informed about the changes in the SPA, which included the removal of two measures and changes to the quality gates. Dr. Jody Terranova clarified that the only change in the SPA was the quality gates, and the other measures remained the same. Rep proposed a follow-up meeting in June to discuss the SPA and other related issues. Larry mentioned that the legacy PCMH measures had not changed. Steven clarified that the measures being discussed were from a different slide deck that had the actual measures used for calculations.

## Medicaid Changes and PCMH Plus Future

The meeting focused on discussing potential changes in Medicaid programs due to federal cuts and work requirements. The team agreed to prepare for these changes and ensure that those eligible for Medicaid can access it. They also discussed the future of PCMH+, with a reduction in funding in the Appropriations budget. The team decided to schedule a June meeting to discuss these issues further and possibly have a July meeting. They also planned to have a session wrap-up after the session ends.