

# Ohio PCMH Weekly

Ohio PCMH Weekly is a summary of Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH) news from around Ohio, as well as a sampling of national PCMH news and educational opportunities. Comments and suggestions can be directed to [PCMH@odh.ohio.gov](mailto:PCMH@odh.ohio.gov). To become a member of the Ohio Patient-Centered Primary Care Collaborative (OPCPCC) and receive Ohio PCMH Weekly, go to <http://www.odh.ohio.gov/landing/medicalhomes/Membership.aspx>.

## OPCPCC updates

The Patient Engagement Learning Center of the Ohio Patient-Centered Primary Care Collaborative (OPCPCC) held the first webinar of a series on February 24, with nearly 70 participants. The webinar, “Enhancing the Patient Experience through the PCMH Model,” will be archived online soon. The next webinar is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, May 26.

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## PCMH and the Medical Neighborhood

### **Pediatric ACO creates “medical neighborhood” for low-income Ohio children**

Partners for Kids (PFK), one of the nation’s largest pediatric accountable care organizations (ACO), had lower cost growth than did Medicaid fee-for-service and managed care programs in Ohio from 2008 to 2013, without reducing overall quality of care, according to an observational, retrospective study published Feb. 9 in *Pediatrics*. “PFK delivered on the promise of the ACO. We suggest that the PFK model achieved these results because pediatric ACOs are better positioned to bridge coordination gaps in care than either an individualized patient-centered medical home or an insurer could do alone; the ACOs are, in effect, the medical neighborhood for the medical home,” said lead author Kelly Kelleher, vice president of health services research at the Research Institute at Nationwide Children’s Hospital. [Read article](#)

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## Educational Opportunity

**Innovative Uses of APCDs**  
Mon., March 9 at 2:00 PM

A team from the Vermont Blueprint for Health and Onpoint Health Data will be providing a presentation on the latest developments with the [Vermont Blueprint for Health](#). The presentation includes an overview of primary care and service area profiling and a discussion of how profiles are being used to drive primary care transformation in Vermont.

[Register](#)



## PCMH News and Articles

### **A User's Guide for Implementation of Interprofessional Oral Health Core Clinical Competencies: Results of a Pilot Project**

The National Network for Oral Health Access (NNOHA) has announced the release of *A User's Guide for Implementation of Interprofessional Oral Health Core Clinical Competencies: Results of a Pilot Project*. In 2013, HRSA awarded NNOHA supplemental funding to pilot the implementation of the oral health competencies in three Health Centers across the country: Bronx Community Health Network, Inc. (New York, NY), Family HealthCare (Fargo, ND, and Moorhead, MN), and Health Partners of Western Ohio (Lima, OH). The goal of the IPOHCCC Pilot Project was to adopt and implement the core clinical competencies using a sustainable-systems approach that resulted in integrating oral health and primary care through interprofessional collaborative practice, and, ultimately, to increase integration of oral health care into primary health care. Health Partners of Western Ohio was a participant in Ohio's PCMH Education Pilot Project (H.B. 198) and is a Level 3 recognized PCMH through the National Committee for Quality Assurance. [Read more](#)

### **Creating A Medical Home is About Improvement, Not Checking Boxes**

Eight years ago this month, the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) joined with the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), the American College of Physicians (ACP), and the American Osteopathic Association to publish the Joint Principles of the Patient-Centered Medical Home. The Joint Principles were grounded in the AAP's work on children's medical homes established in 1967 and supported by the AAFP's 2004 Future of Family Medicine project, which called for every individual to have a medical home. The PCMH, unlike other practice models - such as managed care - was created by physicians and not by others for physicians. The enthusiasm surrounding the PCMH was palpable in the years following, and many family physicians saw the PCMH and the Joint Principles as the path forward to a better health care system focused on patients and supportive of physicians' sincere desires to "get off the hamster wheel." The AAFP and our partner organizations were thrilled that the movement was based on a set of achievable characteristics that appealed to physicians in all practice settings. In recent years, ownership of the medical home has moved from the physicians and physician organizations that created it towards the agencies that recognize the practices. As a result, physician enthusiasm for the model has waned. [Read AAFP blog](#)

### **AAFP's Work With NCQA to Improve PCMH Program Seeing Results**

This AAFP guest editorial explores concerns regarding the NCQA PCMH recognition process, as well as progress in addressing those concerns. [Read editorial](#)

## Spotlight

Congratulations to Englander, Sper & Drasin, MD's, Inc. (dba ESD Pediatric Group), with offices in Milford and Cincinnati, for achieving PCMH Level 3 recognition through NCQA.

### **Cleveland Clinic Launches Medicare Shared Savings ACO**

Cleveland Clinic announced it has been selected to join the Medicare Shared Savings Program and will launch an accountable care organization to augment its current value-based initiatives, which include care paths and a patient-centered medical home.

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