

# 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>.

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## OPCPCC updates

**Two weeks remain to register for the Ohio Patient-Centered Primary Care Collaborative conference on Friday, November 7, 2014** at COSI in Columbus. The theme of this year's conference is *PCMH as a Path to Population Health*. Conference participation is limited to the first 350 who register and there is a \$35 fee. This Live activity, Ohio Patient Centered Primary Care Collaborative Annual Conference, with a beginning date of 11/07/2014, has been reviewed and is acceptable for up to 5.00 prescribed credit(s) by the American Academy of Family Physicians. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity. Nurses can request a CME certificate to submit for credit. 4.75 Social Work CEUs will be available, provided by the National Association of Social Workers- Ohio Chapter (#333350—110714). Please [register by October 20](#). An agenda is available on the [OPCPCC web site](#).

The OPCPCC Patient Engagement Learning Center has improved the functionality and look of the **PCMH Patient Engagement Toolbox**. The toolbox contains resources grouped into the following categories: What is a PCMH?, Partner with patients, Self-care goals, Improve patient safety, and Tools for the practice. View the toolbox at <http://toolbox.opcpcc.com/> or from the Ohio Academy of Family Physician website at <http://www.ohioafp.org/>.

## PCMH News and Articles

### Key Findings from the Ohio State Medical Association's Primary Care Reimbursement Increase Survey

Conducted between June 16 and July 18, 2014, the Ohio State Medical Association's (OSMA's) Enhanced Medicaid Primary Care Reimbursement Survey questioned a sample of Ohio physicians about their experiences in 2013-2014 with Medicaid's enhanced primary care rates. Survey questions were designed to gain an understanding for how the enhanced payments affected physicians, their patients, and their practices. [View results](#)

## Funding Opportunity

### Using Technology and Smartphone Apps to Support Physical Health Improvements in Mental Health and Addiction Treatment

The National Council on Behavioral Health is launching a new learning community to help up to 20 organizations embed technology-based supports in ongoing integrated health settings. As a core part of its strategic vision, selected organizations must be working toward integrating primary and behavioral health care. Selected organizations predominantly serve a diverse population and can identify individuals on their case loads with diabetes and/or hypertension.

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### **Patient-centered care can improve costs and quality, industry panelists say at health summit**

Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Hampshire started experimenting with the PCMH model several years ago and operates its own Enhanced Personal Health Care Program. The results of a three-year pilot program were “staggering”: The nine participating practices saw 23 percent fewer hospital readmissions per 1,000 patients, 18 percent fewer avoidable emergency room visits, a 15 percent improvement in diabetic measures and a 9 percent reduction in hospital readmissions. [Read article](#)

### **UnitedHealth's Latest Blow To Fee-For-Service Medicine: 6 Percent Off Doctor Costs**

As the Affordable Care Act, government and private insurers push doctors and hospitals away from fee-for-service medicine, the nation’s largest insurer, UnitedHealth Group, says it’s seeing more results. The health insurer, which is shifting tens of billions of dollars toward linking doctor pay to efficiency and quality, said in a new report that its medical home programs in four states, including Ohio, saved 6.2 percent of medical costs “on average, including the cost of the intervention.” [Read article](#)

### **Practices in Bundled Payment Program Credit Medical Home Structure for Success**

UnitedHealthcare reported that an innovative program using bundled payment for cancer care resulted in an impressive 34% reduction in medical costs when compared with costs for a control group. Moreover, the study found that patient outcomes were the same in both groups. “We would have had trouble delivering care in this way if we were not organized as a patient-centered medical home,” said Lee S. Schwartzberg, MD. [Read article](#)

### **Patient-centered medical homes spend more, earn more**

Patient-centered medical home practices spend about a third more per patient than non-medical home practices but earn nearly twice as much per patient after operating costs, the Medical Group Management Association reported. [Read article](#)

### **Dear Patient: Let’s Get Engaged!**

More and more, we are learning that an engaged patient makes a healthier patient. But what makes a patient “engaged?” [Read Community Catalyst Blog](#)

## **Spotlight**

Congratulations to the following Ohio practices who achieved PCMH Level 3 recognition through the 2011 NCQA standards in September:

- Columbus Neighborhood Health Center, Inc. - East Central Health Center, Inc.
- Columbus Neighborhood Health Center, Inc. - Great Southern
- Columbus Neighborhood Health Center, Inc. - John Maloney
- Columbus Neighborhood Health Center, Inc. - Maryhaven
- Columbus Neighborhood Health Center, Inc. - Northeast Health Center Inc.
- Columbus Neighborhood Health Center, Inc. - St. Stephen's Health Center Inc.
- Columbus Neighborhood Health Center, Inc. - Westside Health Center Inc.
- Summa Physicians Inc. - White Pond Internal Medicine (Akron)
- Trihealth Physician Practices LLC - Loveland Family Medicine (Loveland)
- Richard D Watkins Canton Community Clinic, Inc. (Canton)
- Trihealth Physician Practices LLC - Glenwood Family Practice (Cincinnati)
- Cincinnati Childrens Hospital Medical Center - Fairfield Primary Care Clinic (Fairfield)
- Cincinnati Childrens Hospital Medical Center - Hopple Street Neighborhood Health Center
- Cincinnati Childrens Hospital Medical Center - The Pediatric Primary Care Center (PPCC)