

## UPDATE: DELAYED IMPLEMENTATION DATE

### Patient Centered Medical Home Statewide Program Incentive Payments

In order to allow providers additional time to achieve Patient Centered Medical Home (PCMH) recognition from the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) under the 2014 standards, New York State Medicaid is extending the implementation date of the Statewide PCMH Incentive Payment Program changes affecting payments to providers recognized under 2011 or 2014 standards, which was announced in the February 2015 Medicaid Update. The implementation date related to payment changes for recognition under 2011 and 2014 standards years will be delayed from April 1, 2015 to January 1, 2016. This extension only applies to providers recognized under the 2011 standards and all incentive payments for PCMH-recognized providers under NCQA's 2008 standards will still be discontinued as of April 1, 2015.

This revised policy is applicable to both Medicaid managed care (MMC) and Medicaid fee-for-service (FFS). Postponing the reduction of payments for 2011 recognition allows for the continuation of support to PCMH providers while they further transform their practices to NCQA's newest 2014 standards. The January 1, 2016 implementation date for these changes give primary care practices and providers a financial incentive to achieve level 2 or 3 NCQA PCMH recognition under the 2014 standards by the end of 2015 and remains consistent with the Medicaid Redesign Team's (MRT) and State Health Innovation Plan's (SHIP) Triple Aim to improve care, improve health, and reduce per capita costs.

Table 1 summarizes the MMC Per Member Per Month (PMPM) payment and the Medicaid FFS 'add-on' amounts by provider type and recognition status as of April 1, 2015, and will remain in effect through December 31, 2015. Level 2 providers, who have achieved recognition under either the 2011 or 2014 standards, will receive an incentive payment of \$4PMPM for MMC and \$11.25 or \$14.25 for institutional and professional Medicaid FFS claims, respectively. Level 3 providers, who have achieved recognition under either the 2011 or 2014 standards, will receive an incentive payment of \$6PMPM for MMC and \$16.75 or \$21.25 for institutional and professional Medicaid FFS claims, respectively.

<b>Table 1: Statewide PCMH Incentive Payment Program PMPM and 'Add-on' Amounts April 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015</b>			
	NCQA Level 1, 2, or 3 2008 Standards	NCQA Level 2 2011 <b>or</b> 2014 Standards	NCQA Level 3 2011 <b>or</b> 2014 Standards
MMC - PMPM	\$0.00 PMPM	\$4.00 PMPM	\$6.00 PMPM
FFS Per Visit			
Institutional	\$0.00	\$11.25	\$16.75
Professional	\$0.00	\$14.25	\$21.25

\*NCQA Level 1 payments for all standard years were discontinued on January 1, 2013.

\*\*NCQA Level 2 payments for 2008-recognized providers were discontinued on July 1, 2013.

On January 1, 2016, the reimbursement for PCMH incentive payments will be updated to reflect the program changes that were originally published in the February 2015 Medicaid Update ([http://www.health.ny.gov/health\\_care/medicaid/program/update/2015/feb15\\_mu.pdf](http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/program/update/2015/feb15_mu.pdf)).

Effective January 1, 2016, all incentives for providers recognized at any level under NCQA's 2008 standards incentives will remain discontinued. Incentives for providers recognized at level 2 or level 3 under NCQA's 2011 standards will be reduced and incentives for providers recognized at level 2 or level 3 under NCQA's 2014 standards

will be increased. Table 2 summarizes the MMC PMPM payment and the Medicaid FFS 'add-on' amounts by provider type and recognition status, which will be begin on January 1, 2016.

<b>Table 2: PCMH Statewide Payment Incentive Payment Program PMPM and 'Add-on' Amounts Effective January 1, 2016</b>		
	NCQA Level 2 2011/2014 Standards	NCQA Level 3 2011/2014 Standards
MMC - PMPM	\$2.00 / \$6.00	\$4.00 / \$8.00
FFS Per Visit		
Institutional	\$7.75 / \$23.25	\$12.50 / \$25.25
Professional	\$6.75 / \$20.50	\$14.50 / \$29.00

For more information on FFS claim eligibility, please see page 13 of the February 2015 Medicaid Update article.

New York Medicaid providers participating in the Adirondack Medical Home Demonstration Project are not eligible for enhanced payment through the Statewide Patient-Centered Medical Home Program.

Questions/Information:

For more information on how to achieve NCQA PCMH recognition, providers may contact NCQA at (888) 275-7585 or visit NCQA's website at [www.ncqa.org](http://www.ncqa.org).

MMC PCMH questions may be directed to the Division of Health Plan Contracting and Oversight at 518-474-5050, or the eMedNY Call Center at (800) 343-9000 or [pcmh@health.ny.gov](mailto:pcmh@health.ny.gov) regarding Medicaid FFS questions.

For more information on claim eligibility please contact eMedNY at (800) 343-9000.