

# Are SBHCs Becoming Patient-Centered Medical Home Recognized?

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# School-Based Health Centers and the Changing Face of Health Care

# Health Reform Legislation & SBHCs

**2009** The Children's  
Health  
Insurance  
Program  
Reauthorization  
Act (CHIPRA)

**2009** Health  
Information  
Technology for  
Economic and  
Clinical Health  
Act (HITECH)

**2010** The Patient  
Protection and  
Affordable Care  
Act (ACA)

# Affordable Care Act

**GOAL:**  
**Increase Access to Quality  
Health Care  
While Reducing Overall Costs**

**PROCESS & COVERAGE  
IMPROVEMENTS  
(PROVIDERS & STATES)**  
Health Information Exchange  
Data reporting requirements

**PROCESS & COVERAGE  
IMPROVEMENTS  
(CONSUMERS)**  
Medicaid Expansion  
Health Insurance Marketplace

**DELIVERY SYSTEM REFORM**  
Patient-Centered Medical Home  
(PCMH)  
Accountable Care Organizations  
(ACOs)

# Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH) – The building blocks for most reforms



The medical home is an approach to providing coordinated and high quality health care that is accessible, culturally competent, comprehensive, and uniquely suited to each patient.

– American Academy of  
Pediatrics



## PCMH Components

Access

- SBHCs are located in the most accessible location for young people: their schools.

Care  
Coordination &  
Management

- SBHCs utilize an interdisciplinary team approach to deliver coordinated primary care.

Comprehensive  
Services

- SBHCs effectively provide behavioral, medical and oral health services.

## SBHCs as Medical Home



## PCMH Components

Clinical Quality  
Measures

- SBHCs are engaged in quality improvement activities

Patient & Family  
Engagement

- Youth and parents are active members in the SBHC community

Community-  
based

- SBHCs are an integral part of their community

## SBHCs as Medical Home



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# School-Based Health Centers and the Patient-Centered Medical Home

## Background/Purpose



# State Medicaid PCMH Programs

School-Based Health Alliance examined the role of SBHCs in state Medicaid PCMH programs

## Case Study Inclusion Criteria:

- ✓ State has an SBHC program
- ✓ State has at least 40 SBHCs
- ✓ PCMH program led by the state Medicaid agency
- ✓ Payment incentives tied to PCMH status
- ✓ State PCMH legislation/regulation defines SBHCs as an eligible provider

# Case Study in 5 States

**Colorado**  
**Connecticut**  
**Illinois**  
**North Carolina**  
**Oregon**



**Policies & Legislation**



**Informant Interviews**



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# Findings



# PCMH Program Part of Medicaid System Reform



**Primary Care Case  
Management**





**Accountable Care  
Organizations**



**Enhanced Fee For  
Service**

# State Medicaid PCMH Standards

	State Developed	 The Joint Commission	 NCQA Measuring quality. Improving health care.
Colorado	✓		
Connecticut		✓	✓
Illinois	✓		
North Carolina	✓		
Oregon	✓		

# Medical Home Standards Shared Principals

Access  
Usual Source  
of Care

Primary Care  
Prevention

Care  
Coordination  
Continuity

Data Tracking  
& Reporting

Year Round  
24/7 Access

# Enhanced Payment Tied to PCMH Recognition

1. Per Member Per Month Care (PMPM) Payment to Providers
    - Support care coordination services
  2. Enhanced FFS Rates
    - Reward primary care and/or maternal & child health services
  3. Pay for Performance (P4P)
    - Reward quality performance
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# Medicaid PCMH Payment Models

State	PMPM	Enhanced FFS Rate	P4P
Connecticut		✓	✓
Colorado	✓		✓
Illinois	✓	✓	✓
North Carolina	✓		
Oregon	<div style="background-color: #4a7c9c; color: white; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <p><b>Contingent upon contract agreements between the ACOs and PCMH recognized providers</b></p> </div>		



# **SBHC Capacity to Becoming a Medical Home**

# Potential Challenges for PCMH Participation

Ensuring 24/7  
access

Tracking &  
reporting quality  
measures

Patient  
attribution

# Ensuring 24/7 Access to Care

## **COMMON ASSUMPTION ABOUT SBHCS:**

SBHC closed during non-school  
hours & summer months



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**> 31 HOURS/WEEK**

**66.6%**



(n=1295)

**AFTER SCHOOL**

**73.1%**



(n=1284)

**BEFORE SCHOOL**

**60.8%**



(n=1285)



**70.6%**

**have a**

**pre-arranged  
source**

**of after-hours care**

**(n=1295)**

# Data Tracking & Reporting

- Collecting at least 2 quality measures is a must
- More challenging for SBHCs w/o an electronic health record (EHR)

	<b>Core Pediatric Measures</b>
✓	<b>Asthma management</b>
✓	<b>Diabetes management</b>
✓	<b>Well child visits</b>
✓	<b>Immunization compliance</b>

# Nationally: SBHCs are Tracking Quality Measures

41.1%

**Joint Commission**  
(n=1240)

40.1%

**CHIPRA/Medicaid Measures**  
(n=1240)

37.2%

**Healthcare Effectiveness  
Data and Information Set  
(HEDIS) measures** (n=1240)

29.2%

**NCQA Patient-centered  
medical home  
standards** (n=1240)

## Nationally: SBHCs use EHRs

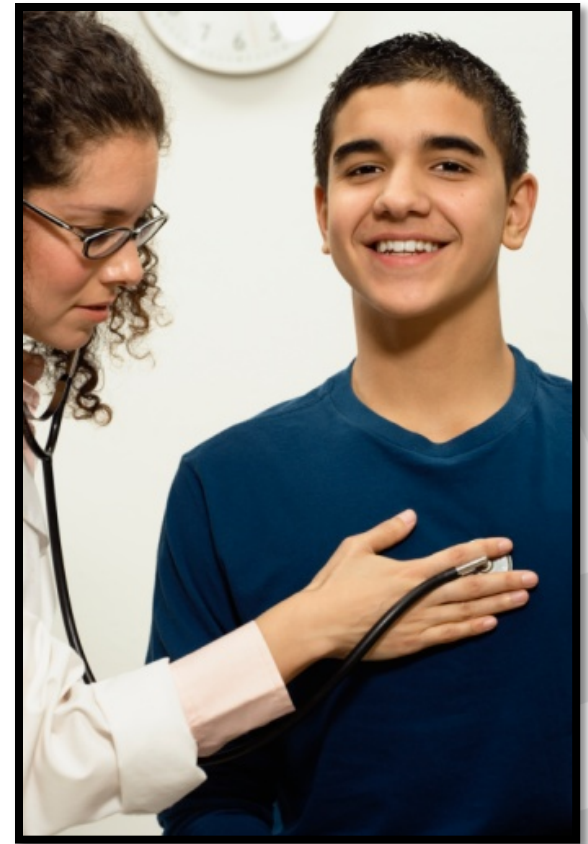
52.7%

**Use Electronic Health or  
Medical  
Records (EHR/EMR)** (n =1087)



# Patient Attribution

- How a patient relates to a provider
- Medicaid claims data used to determine “designated primary care provider”



## PCMH Payment Tied to Location of Service

- Was the service provided at the SBHC or at the sponsoring agency site?
- Medicaid claims data must identify SBHCs as site of service

Potential Solutions:

- ✓ Bill & code with locator code
- ✓ SBHC as Medicaid provider type

# Are SBHCs Becoming Medical Homes?

# CONNECTICUT: Person Centered Medical Home Program

# CT PCMH Recognition Options

<b>Components</b>	<b>Joint Commission</b>	<b>NCQA</b>
PCMH program Name	Primary Care Medical Home	Patient-Centered Medical Home
Levels of recognition	Equivalent to NCQA level 3	Yes: 1, 2, 3
Documentation required	No	Yes
On-site survey process	Yes	No
On-site consultation	Yes	No
Scope of evaluation	Entire organization	Site specific (multi-site available)
Length of reward	3 years	3 years
Website	<a href="http://www.jointcommission.org">www.jointcommission.org</a>	<a href="http://www.ncqa.org">www.ncqa.org</a>

Adapted from Joint Commission:

[http://www.jointcommission.org/the\\_joint\\_commission\\_and\\_ncqa\\_a\\_comparison\\_of\\_requirements/](http://www.jointcommission.org/the_joint_commission_and_ncqa_a_comparison_of_requirements/)

# Enhanced FFS Payment Rates

Clinic Type	PCMH Payment Amount	
	NCQA Level 2 (intermediate)	NCQA Level 3 (advanced)
Non-Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC)	20% increase in primary care codes	24% increase in primary care codes
FQHC	\$7.77 fixed add-on	\$9.07 fixed add-on
Hospital Out-patient	\$7.77 fixed add-on	\$9.07 fixed add-on

# Performance Bonuses

PCMH practices awarded performance bonuses based on achievement of quality benchmarks & ability to demonstrate quality improvement over the previous year's performance

Retrospective PMPM lump sum payment



# No Cost PCMH Technical Assistance

## Community Transformation Specialists

- Provide assistance to medical home providers in identifying and managing high-risk patients
- Offer training and technical assistance to support care coordination and to address any gaps of care

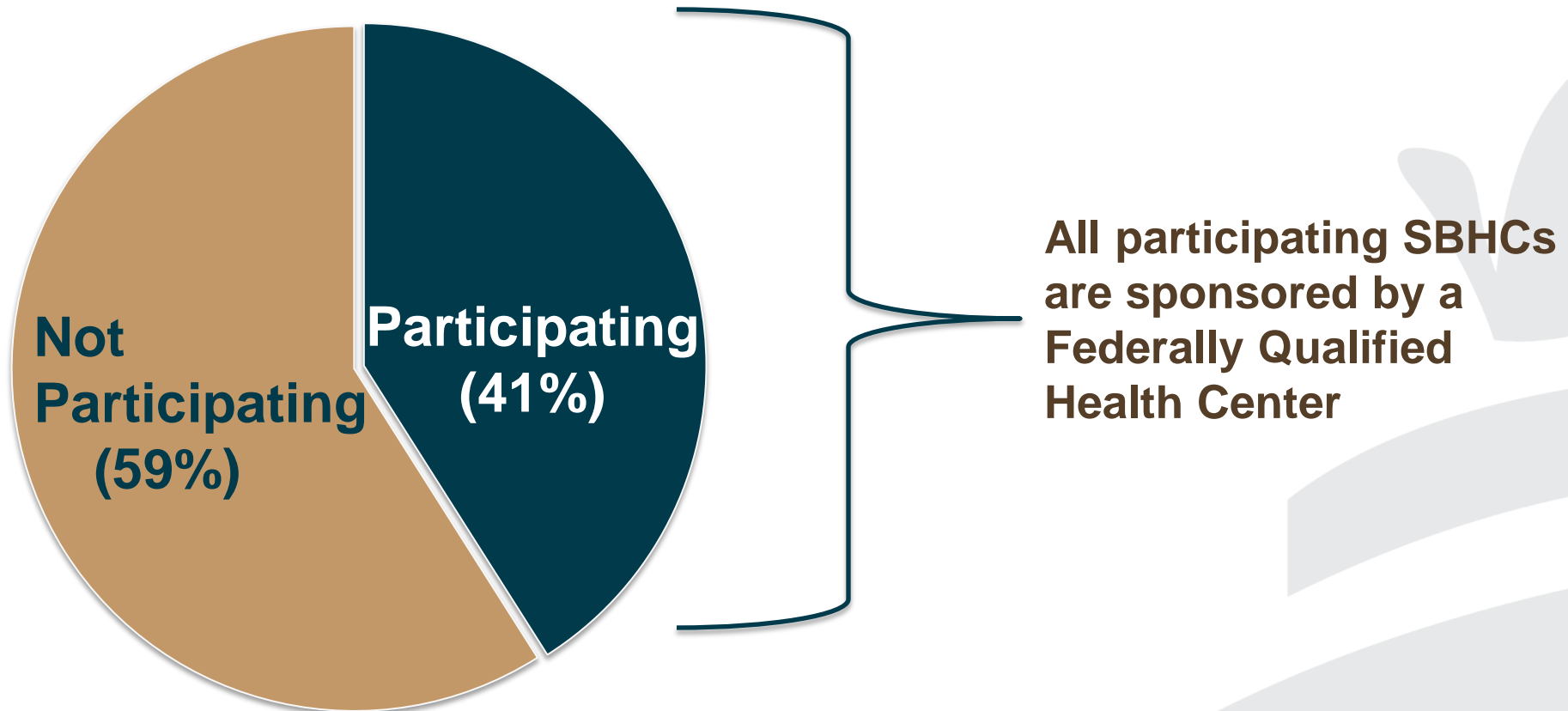


# Glide Path Program

Offers financial and technical support for practices *transforming* their delivery of services to meet PCMH standards

Clinic Type	Glide Path Payment	
	Lump Sum Start Up Costs	PCMH Payment Amount
Non-Federally Qualified Health Centers	Amount contingent on CMS approval	14% increase in primary care codes
Hospital Out-patient	--	\$5.18 fixed add-on

# SBHC Participation in PCMH Program





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# OREGON: Person Centered Primary Care Home Program



# State-Developed PCMH Standards

Continuity

Coordination &  
integration

Person & family  
centered

Access

Accountability

Comprehensive  
whole-person  
care

# Person Centered Primary Care Home Payment

Negotiated between  
ACO and PCMH  
recognized provider

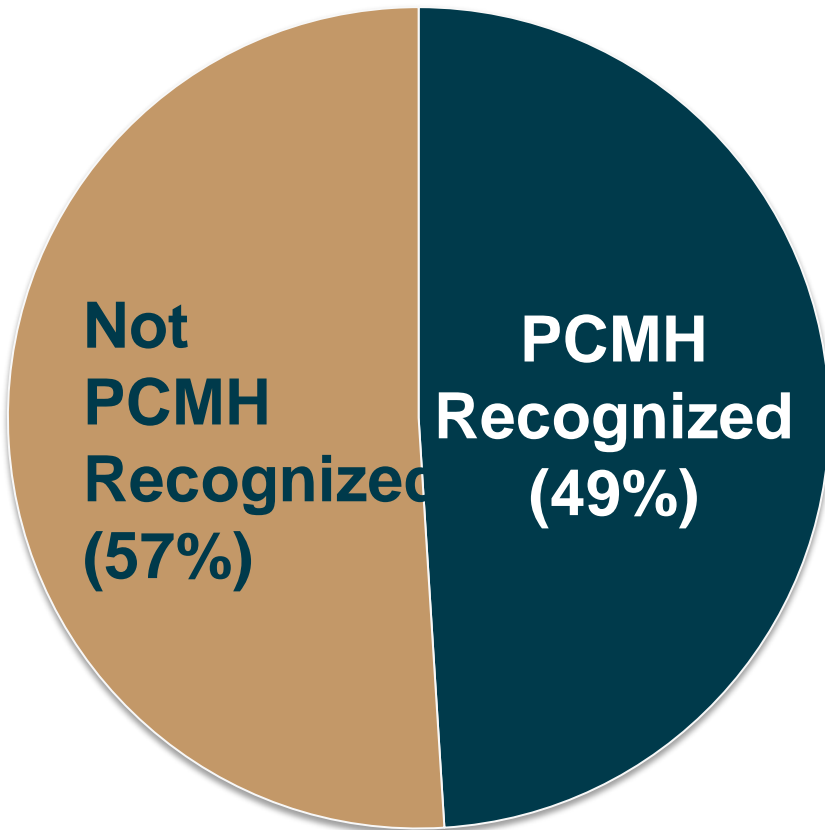
PCMH payment structure  
may vary by ACO

# PCMH Technical Assistance

## Patient-Centered Primary Care Institute

- Tools & resources to implement medical home model
- Behavioral health integration training
- Learning collaborative
- Technical assistance
  - practice coaches, program managers and data/quality improvement professionals

# SBHC Participation in PCMH Program



66%

Of PCMH recognized SBHCs received Tier 2 status

34%

Of PCMH recognized SBHCs received Tier 3 status

## Key Take-Away Points

1. SBHCs are achieving PCMH status
2. Issues meeting PCMH criteria no different than those faced by smaller private practices
3. PCMH programs are evolving
4. Advocates and state SBHC program played critical role in ensuring SBHC eligibility and participation in PCMH program



## **Are SBHCs benefiting?**

**Dependent on SBHC billing practices & relationship with sponsoring agency**

**...only time will tell...**

# Medicaid is Heading in New Directions

## Accountability

Tracking Quality Indicators  
(Immunization, well child visits, asthma management)

Site-specific billing & coding

## Care Coordination

Sharing encounter data with primary care partners

Referral tracking

## Cost-Effective Care

Demonstrating better health outcomes at lower costs

Thank you!

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