

# Ohio PCMH Weekly

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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 [Amy.Bashforth@odh.ohio.gov](mailto:Amy.Bashforth@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 Ohio Patient-Centered Primary Care Collaborative (OPCPCC) annual conference is scheduled for Fri., Sept. 14 at the Nationwide & Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center in Columbus, Ohio. The conference theme is *Primary care and behavioral health: Pulling the patient out of the silos*.

OPCPCC is pleased to announce that the keynote speaker for this year's conference will be Benjamin F. Miller, Psy.D., Chief Strategy Officer of [Well Being Trust](#). A self-proclaimed "fragmentation fighter," Dr. Miller has worked to redefine the national policy landscape for mental health and health care. He was previously the founding director of the Eugene S. Farley, Jr. Health Policy Center in the Department of Family Medicine at the University of Colorado School of Medicine. Dr. Miller has been a principal investigator on many federal and foundation grants, as well as state contracts related to health and health care integration. He's written and published on enhancing the evidentiary support for integrated care models, increasing the training and education of mental health providers in medical settings, and the need to address specific health policy and payment barriers for successful integration.

The conference planning committee has issued a call for presentations. Please use the form posted on the [OPCPCC conference webpage](#) to submit a proposal for consideration. Proposals are due by June 1, 2018.

## Educational Resources

The National Center for Medical Home Implementation (NCMHI) conducted a mixed methods assessment and evaluation project with Maternal and Child Health Title V / Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs (MCH Title V / CYSHCN) programs during fall 2017. The purpose of the project was to gain insights on how the NCMHI can best support CYSHCN programs implementing medical home and patient/family-centered care in their states. Programs were asked to rank current NCMHI resources. The top three medical home resources rated highest by CYSHCN programs were as follows:

- [Innovative and Promising Practices](#)
- [Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program State Profiles](#)
- [Medical Home Initiatives & Resources by State](#)

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## News and Articles

### **In-Person CPC+ Payers' Meeting Highlights the Impact of Integration on Patient Experience**

The Milbank Memorial Fund's Multi-State Collaborative has been bringing together a diverse group of payers for the last three years. They may be in competition with one another, but they are eager for the opportunity to learn from experts and each other. The largest group of this kind to be hosted by the Fund—40 people, representing 23 public, private, regional, and national insurance companies—gathered in Denver, Colorado, on March 20 to learn from Colorado's experience in multi-payer collaboration. One focus in particular was how the innovative Colorado Multi-Payer Collaborative is integrating behavioral health care with primary care at the local level. Leaders from Colorado described how local commitment, gubernatorial and state legislative support, and federal funding have resulted in transforming practice and information operations to be more patient-centered and seamlessly coordinated. [Learn more](#)

### **What a Primary-Care Focused Advanced APM Would Look Like**

The Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act's (MACRA's) Advanced Alternative Payment Models (AAPMs) offer incentives to physicians who provide high-quality and cost-efficient care as it applies to a specific clinical condition, care episode, or population. MACRA also calls for physicians to design their own AAPMs based on how care is actually delivered. In December 2017, the Physician-Focused Payment Model Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC) voted to recommend that HHS test the Advanced Primary Care APM developed by the American Academy of Family Physicians. The AAFP expects that primary-care physicians currently not in CPC Plus regions would be most interested in participating in the APC-APM. Any fee-for-service Medicare beneficiary not attributed to another APM could receive care under the APC-APM, so the potential impact is huge. Physicians Practice recently asked three AAFP representatives to talk about the payment model they have proposed and the PTAC's response. [Read more](#)

### **The problem with lack of emphasis on primary care in healthcare**

Primary care physicians expressed little surprise at the findings of a [recent Commonwealth Fund report](#) that determined the U.S. spends more than any other high-income country on healthcare, yet it has the widest gaps in the quality of the care received. The countries that have the best outcomes on the Commonwealth Fund list—in particular, the United Kingdom, Australia, and the Netherlands—achieve their high results scores by emphasizing primary care, said Jeffrey Gold, MD, head of Gold Direct Care in Marblehead, Mass. Gold's practice has moved to the direct care model—eliminating the insurance companies and taking a monthly fee from each patient or family for a substantial menu of routine care. [Read article](#)



## Spotlight

Do you have some PCMH or medical neighborhood news to share? We would like to highlight your news and achievements in this section of Ohio PCMH Weekly. Please send your submissions to [PCMH@odh.ohio.gov](mailto:PCMH@odh.ohio.gov).

## Multimedia

### **Pediatric Medical Home Implementation –You Can Do It [We Can Help]!**

The National Center for Medical Home Implementation (NCMHI) presented a [poster](#), *Medical Home Implementation – You Can Do It [We Can Help]!*, at the 2018 Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs Annual Conference. This poster highlights results from a mixed methods assessment and evaluation project the NCMHI conducted with Maternal and Child Health Title V / Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs (MCH Title V / CYSHCN) programs during fall 2017. [View poster](#)