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PPS Spotlight: Millennium Collaborative Care PPS Helping WNY Primary Care Attain PCMH Gold Standard; Driving Clinical Integration

Millennium Collaborative Care Performing Provider System (PPS) is helping primary practices across Western New York attain Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH) 2014 National Committee Quality Assurance (NCQA) Recognition – the Gold Standard for practice transformation. “Our team is fully engaged and is actively reaching out to primary care practices across the eight counties of Western New York,” said Michele Mercer, RN, MSHA, Chief Clinical Integration Officer. “PCMH enables primary care offices to build structure around their patients from a population health perspective, and in the process, achieve clinical integration.”

The Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH) is an approach to providing comprehensive primary care for children, youth and adults by facilitating partnerships between individual patients, and their personal physicians, and when appropriate, the patient’s family. The PCMH model can create greater value for patients, providers and payers. As patients are given better access to coordinated care, many factors that drive up costs are impacted significantly including the increase of preventive services; improved immunization rates, decline in emergency department visits and in-patient hospitalizations, and overall decrease of health care costs.

Partnering with Primary Care Practices through Master Participation Agreements, Millennium PPS has formally partnered with approximately 30 primary care practices, some with multiple sites, to implement Patient Centered Medical Home and other relevant DSRIP projects. Since the launch of its practice transformation engagement model in April 2016, Millennium PPS has supported up to 14 practices with Patient Centered Medical Home Recognition at any given time. This support is delivered in many different modalities including regular on-site meetings, staff training, facilitating the application process, ad hoc documentation review, and general Q & A support. Practices are also provided a robust set of tools to assist with the Recognition process, which include project plans, document templates, and EMR support. As a result of these collaborative efforts, three practices have currently achieved 2014 PCMH Level 3 Recognition, and one is awaiting application results.

They include:

- Erie County Medical Center (ECMC) Family Health Center; Achieved 2014 PCMH Level 3 Recognition
- Community Health Center of Buffalo; Achieved 2014 PCMH Level 3 Recognition (Buffalo site conversion)
- Olean Medical Group; Achieved 2014 PCMH Level 3 Recognition (Olean site conversion)
- Elmwood Health Center; Submitted 2014 Renewal Application, awaiting results

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Several more practices will be submitting their PCMH applications by the end of Q1 2014. All practices supported by Millennium Practice Transformation staff are well positioned to complete 2014 Patient Centered Medical Home Recognition by the end of 2017, well ahead of the NYS DSRIP deadline. For further information visit www.millenniumcc.org.

Recent News

The DSRIP Independent Assessor has completed its review of the PPS response and public comments to the initial recommendations for the Mid-Point Assessment reports and has generated final reports for all 25 PPS. The final Mid-Point Assessment Report for all 25 PPS have been posted to the DSRIP website [here](#). In addition to the final reports, the IA has also posted a redline version of each report detailing all of the modifications made to each report and the PPS response to the IA’s initial recommendations. Public comments will be accepted until January 23rd.

On December 7, 2016, CMS approved New York’s request to extend its Medicaid Section 1115 waiver, the Medicaid Redesign Team (MRT) Demonstration, through March 31, 2021. The 1115 waiver has been renamed from the Partnership Plan to the MRT Demonstration as a reflection of the significant MRT efforts that have improved and expanded the waiver’s purpose. The New York 1115 waiver renewal letter and Standard Terms and Conditions can be found [here](#).

The 1115 Demonstration Draft Evaluation Design is now posted for public comment on our website [here](#). Public comments will be accepted until January 10, 2017.

Upcoming Events

January 3: Release Final Mid-Point Assessment recommendations for 30-day public comment

January 6: Final PPS Year 2 Second Quarterly Reports posted to DSRIP Website

January 23: Public Comment period for Final Mid-Point Assessment recommendations ends

January 31: PPS Year 2 Third Quarterly Reports (10/1/16 – 12/31/16) due from PPS

January 31: Public comment day on DSRIP mid-point assessment

February 1-3: DSRIP Project Approval & Oversight Panel convenes to review Mid-Point Assessment recommendations



ECMC Family Health Center Team



Elmwood Health Center Team



Olean Medical Group Team

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