# ACC Phase III Update and PCMP Payment Structure

Program Improvement Advisory Committee

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## Agenda

Time	Topic
11-11:10am	ACC Phase III Update
11:10-11:30am	Review Medical Home Payment, time for discussion
11:30am-12pm	Review Quality Payment, time for discussion

#### Where are we at with ACC Phase III? Phase III 2024 2025 Go-Live! July July Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar May June Aug CMS review of new contracts RFP Evaluation, Award, **Negotiations Contract execution** Contracting and Protest period **Contract amendments** Update 1915b Waiver **CMS** review **Federal** Authority Ongoing alignment with 1115 Waiver Policy/program operationalization and implementation Policy Guidance for negotiations Design and implement cross-department, data-informed Finalize Commitment to Quality program specifications and Accountmanagement processes to improve oversight, affordability ability performance standards and transparency Identify data/output needs, process for collecting data (RAEs, HCPF) and create dashboards **Deliverables** Update start-up narrative deliverables and policy guidance Update remaining deliverables and guidance Educating providers and members to ensure a smooth transition Communications Vendor announcement Member letters **Systems** Ongoing system change work to prepare for Phase III



## PCMP Payment

# Single Comprehensive Primary Care Payment Structure



Primary Care Services Payment FFS or prospective payment from HCPF

Medical Home (PMPM) and Access Stabilization
Payments
Payment from RAEs (criteria and rates vary)

Quality and Shared Savings Payments
Pay for performance from RAEs

# Medical Home Payment Recap and Discussion

## Medical Home Payment Recap

The Medical Home Payment is the administrative per-member-per-month RAEs make to PCMPs.

#### Staying the Same

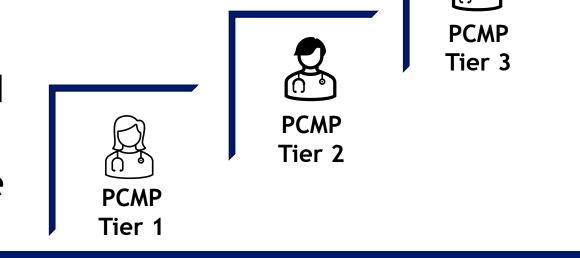
 RAEs will continue to pass-through at least 33% of their admin PMPM to PCMPs based on their attributed members.

#### **Key Changes**

- RAEs will use a standardized Practice Assessment (currently all RAEs have their own) to help determine PMPM rates.
- HCPF is standardizing the structure of medical home payments across RAEs to help support transparency and simplicity for providers.

### Practice Assessment

- Three-tier assessment to incentivize progress along the continuum of advanced primary care.
- Assessment designed in alignment with:
  - > CMS Make Care Primary model.
  - > DOI Primary Care APM Regulation.
  - > Bodenheimer building blocks.
  - > Current RAE assessments.
- PCMH recognition will be counted towards tiering placement.
- Engaged with P&CE to update the draft tool.



## **Access Stabilization Payments**



#### Overview and Purpose

- A dedicated pool of funds directed to specific types of PCMPs, who do not receive costbased reimbursement, to maintain access to care for Health First Colorado members in areas where access is under pressure.
- Helps maintain stable access for PCMPs located in geographies or who serve populations that do not always drive consistent, stable revenue.
- Allows for new services or for more Health First Colorado members to be served.
- PCMPs who are excluded in the FY22—23 R6 funding request or receive cost-based funding to cover overhead costs will not be eligible for Access Stabilization payments.
- Funding for access stabilization is dependent on JBC approval on repurposing the FY22—
   23 R6 funding.

## Access Stabilization Payments: Eligibility Criteria



#### **Pediatric PCMPs**

PCMPs where more than 80% of the Health First Colorado members served are 0-18 years old.



#### **Rural PCMPs**

PCMPs that operate in counties classified as Rural or Counties with Extreme Access Considerations (CEAC).

#### Parameters:

- Total population is <50,000</li>
- Population density <50 individuals per square mile</li>



#### **Small PCMPs**

Independent PCMPs who are operating with 1 to 5 providers.

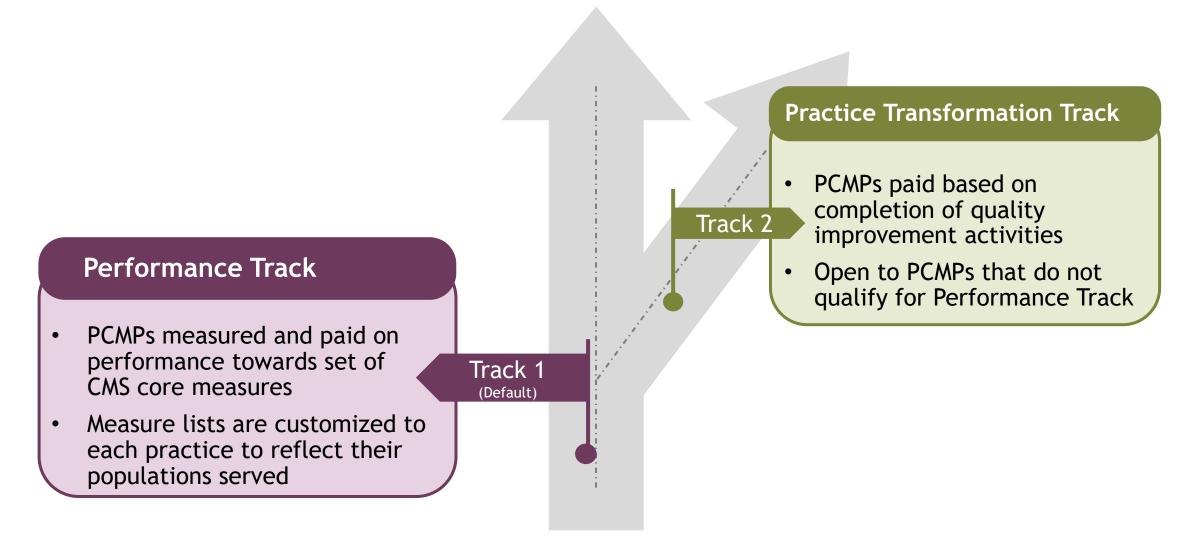
PCMPs that fall into more than one of these categories will only receive <u>one</u> access stabilization payment. Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC), Rural Health Center (RHC), and Indian Health Service (IHS) PCMPs are not eligible for Access Stabilization payments.

### **Discussion Questions**

- What are your thoughts about this framework?
- What concerns do you have?
- What ways would the assessment change how your practice operates?
- In what ways can this be improved?

# Quality Payment Recap and Discussion

#### **QUALITY PAYMENTS**



## Quality Payment Methodology

- Four-step process to determine eligibility for each track.
- If eligible for Performance Track, PCMPs assigned up to six metrics based on their panel size and composition out of:
  - 1. Well-Child Visits in the First 30 Months of Life
  - 2. Glycemic Status Assessment for Patients with Diabetes
  - 3. Controlling High Blood Pressure
  - 4. Breast Cancer Screening
  - 5. Cervical Cancer Screening
  - 6. Colorectal Cancer Screening
  - 7. Screening for Depression and Follow-Up Plan
  - 8. Child and Adolescent Well-Care Visits
  - 9. Developmental Screening in the First Three Years of Life
  - 10. Childhood Immunization Status Combination 10
  - 11. Immunizations for Adolescents Combination 2
  - 12. Contraceptive Care All Women
  - 13. Chlamydia Screening in Women

## Performance Track: Example



#### <u>Practice A:</u> Large adult practice

#### STEP 1:

- ✓ Glycemic Status Assessment for Patients with Diabetes
- ✓ Controlling High Blood Pressure

#### STEP 2:

- ✓ Breast Cancer Screening
- ✓ Cervical Cancer Screening
- ✓ Colorectal Cancer Screening
- Screening for Depression and Follow-Up Plan

#### STEP 3:

N/A - 6 measures already added

#### **STEP 4:**

N/A - 6 measures already added

# Total Measures: 6



#### Practice B: Large pediatric practice

#### STEP 1:

✓ Well-Child Visits in the First 30 Months of Life

#### STEP 2:

- ✓ Child and Adolescent Well-Care Visits
- ✓ Developmental Screening in the First Three Years of Life
- ✓ Childhood Immunization Status Combination
- ✓ Immunizations for Adolescents Combination 2

#### STEP 3:

Not eligible b/c denominators are too small

#### STEP 4:

Option to supplement with 1 QI activity

#### # Total Measures: 5

+ 1 Quality Improvement Activity



#### Practice C: Small, rural clinic

#### STEP 1:

✓ Controlling High Blood Pressure

#### STEP 2:

- ✓ Colorectal Cancer Screening
- ✓ Screening for Depression and Follow-Up Plan

#### STEP 3:

Not eligible b/c denominators are too small

#### **STEP 4:**

Option for Track 2

# Total Measures: 3

Not eligible for Track 1, option for Track 2

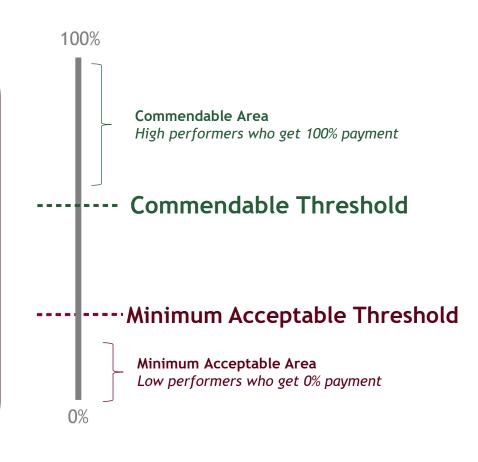


## Performance Track: Quality Target Setting Methodology



#### Methodology

- Evaluated using thresholds that are not dependent on prior year performance.
  - > This is a change from current "close the gap" methodology.
- Thresholds are determined by metric and set both on national performance and scaled relative to Colorado statewide average performance.
- Reward will be measured on the following thresholds:
  - Below a Minimum Acceptable Threshold (0% payment achieved)
  - Between Minimum Acceptable and Commendable Thresholds (Payment will be tiered)
  - > Above a Commendable Threshold (100% payment achieved)



### Practice Transformation Track (Option 2)



#### Practice Transformation Track Participation

- PCMPs with 200 minimum attributed members and who <u>do not</u> qualify for Performance Track have the *OPTION* to participate in Track 2 and still earn Quality Payments.
- Participating PCMPs earn quality payments by participating in up to 2 Quality Improvement (QI) activities that directly impact KPI measure performance.
- Examples of QI activities include, but are not limited to:
  - > PDSA
  - Root cause analysis
  - > Empanelment calculations to evaluate accessibility challenges

## Building Up in Year 1

## YEAR 1 FOCUS: Pay for Engagement

- All PCMPs enrolled in Practice Transformation Track (Track 2)
- Payment for completion of QI activities

JULY - DECEMBER 2025: (First 6 months of ACC Phase III)

□ RAEs work with PCMPs to identify and plan QI activities

- 2 JANUARY 2026:
  - ☐ All PCMPs start QI activities
    - Allows one year to establish 12-month performance cycle
    - Incentivizes RAE and PCMP engagement
    - Payment to PCMPs based on QI activities

## How RAEs Will Support PCMPs

- 1 Provider performance statements
- (2) Coaching
  - > Help identify and improve workflows that focus on PCMP metrics
  - > Improve PCMP billing
  - > Use data and analytics
  - Identify and achieve cost goals (Shared Savings)
- 3 Practice transformation activities
  - > Approve practice transformation project and determine if activities were completed
  - Approve QI tools (e.g., PDSA, root cause analysis)
  - > Facilitate QI meetings
  - > Collaborate on implementation
  - > Provide resources
  - > Build a peer network

### **Discussion Questions**

- Should changes be made to the Performance Track (Track 1) or Practice Transformation Track (Track 2?)
  - > How would you advise us to modify this proposal?
- What is most promising about this proposal?
- Are there any unforeseen consequences to the changes in this proposal?

## Thank you!