



Michigan Multistakeholder CPC+ Briefing March 2021

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Primary Care First (PCF) Applications NOW AVAILABLE from CMS

Both CPC+ and non-CPC+ primary care practices will be eligible to apply for the second round (2022-2026) of Primary Care First (PCF). The [applications and information](#) for practices and payers were just released on March 16th. The [practice](#) solicitation period for PCF Cohort 2 opened on March 16, 2021 and will close on April 30, 2021. The [payer](#) solicitation period for PCF Cohort 2 began on March 16, 2021, and will close on May 28, 2021. Practice and payer selections will take place in Summer or Fall 2021. Cohort 2 will begin participation in PCF in January 2022. CMS plans to focus on onboarding participating practices and payer partners to the model from July–December 2021.

PCF is a five-year alternative payment model to reduce spending by preventing avoidable inpatient hospital admissions, and improve quality and access to care for all beneficiaries, particularly those with complex chronic conditions and serious illness. The model specifically aims to reward value and quality by offering an innovative payment structure to support delivery of advanced primary care. PCF will provide participating practices a total primary care payment, which includes a prospective professional population-based payment in addition to a flat primary care visit fee for qualifying patient encounters. Practices also will receive a performance-based adjustment. For more information on the PCF Model, including practice eligibility, and payment, please visit the [Primary Care First website](#).

Primary Care First (PCF) Revenue Calculator Tool

Practices interested in Primary Care First may find the [PCF Revenue Calculator](#) helpful. This tool was developed by HealthTeamWorks, *not by CMS*, and the calculator is available free of charge to practices who wish to compare estimated revenue projections, based on programmable assumptions, for CPC+, FFS and PCF. It is based on the December 2020 PCF Payment and Attribution Methodology.

The Importance of Prospective Payments for Sustainable Primary Care

The United States spends billions of dollars each year preparing for medical emergencies. Noticeably absent from that budget is an effective process to protect the frontline defenders delivering primary care. The COVID-19 pandemic revealed widespread problems for America's front line of primary care physicians. It is now too late to save many of the offices that have closed across the nation, and the future of family medicine, and our preparation for the next pandemic, depends on how we respond to the lessons that we learned. The article published in JABFM discussed how advanced payments would allow family physicians to focus on patient-centered care, reduce overall health care costs, and boost the morale of physicians. The article is available [here](#).

Behavioral Health Resources for Practices

Mercy Family Medicine (CO) describes how their efforts to integrate a behaviorist into their care team contributed to their high performance in CPC+. Go to [team-based strategies for successful BHI](#) to listen to this engaging conversation.

Michigan Data Collaborative CPC+ Dashboard

Additional information, such as an Online Tutorial, Release Announcements, Release Notes, User Guide, and CPC+ Measures Technical Guide can all be found on both the CPC+ Support page of the [MDC Website](#) and the User Guide & Technical Guide tabs of the Dashboard itself.

If you have any questions or suggestions regarding the dashboard, please contact MDC at MichiganDataCollaborative@med.umich.edu.

Michigan Institute for Care Management and Transformation – Training and Webinar Announcement

A list of upcoming training sessions, including live webinars, can be found in the News and Events section of MICMT's website: <https://micmt-cares.org/events>. For an at a glance view, please find the event calendars and event flyers in the "News" section [here](#).

Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns: micmt-requests@med.umich.edu

Contact Us! How Can We Help? Supporting CPC+ POs and Practices in Michigan

The joint commercial CPC+ payers in Michigan are working together to support multipayer alignment with the University of Michigan. We advocate with CMS to emphasize the important role that POs play in supporting CPC+ and work with them as partners in the Michigan CPC+ community, work with all participating payers in Michigan to create consistency in payer policy and approach wherever possible, and work to remove roadblocks that practices and POs face in CPC+ implementation and operations. We are interested in learning about your successes, challenges and questions. **Please contact the CPC+ Michigan Regional Convener, Diane Marriott (dbechel@umich.edu or 734 740 0511) at any time to share your ideas and experiences.**