



## Michigan Multistakeholder CPC+ Briefing June 2021

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### Primary Care First (PCF) Update

The PCF practice application period ended in May and thus far, over 300 Michigan primary care practices were preliminarily accepted to the PCF demonstration. Given the short time lapse since the application deadline, only the overall count is available at this time. By fall of this year, CMS will provide further information, including projected risk groupings. You'll have an opportunity to review this information before signing a Participation Agreement. Onboarding for PCF will occur during the **fall and winter of 2021**, during which you'll get more information about the model and opportunities to meet and hear from other practices. **Cohort 2 will begin January 1, 2022.**

### CAHPS Patient Experience of Care (PEC) Vendors

In CPC+, CMS/CMMI arranged for and funded administration of CAHPS CG surveying. Practices that participate in Primary Care First will be responsible for selecting an approved CAHPS vendor. Current PCF Round One practices must select a vendor by June 30, 2021. Round Two PCF practices that begin the program in 2022 will have until mid-2022 to select a vendor.

The list of approved vendors was updated on June 18th and is available at [PCF PEC Vendors-6/18/21](#). This information may help you to do an early assessment of the cost and resources for PCF CAHPS vendor selection.

### Easy-to-Use Health Equity and SDoH Resources for Busy Practices!

You have been hearing more about the importance of health equity, or making sure that everyone has an equal opportunity to be healthy. The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation describes health equity as "removing obstacles to health such as poverty, discrimination, and their consequences, including powerlessness and lack of access to good jobs with fair pay, quality education and housing, safe environments, and health care." Addressing the social determinants of health (SDoH) is a primary lever to achieve greater health equity.

Health equity has only recently begun to receive more attention in medical education and practice team member training. Many of us completed training with limited exposure to the concept. The American Academy of Family Physicians (AFP) created a [comprehensive on-line resource](#) to fill this gap. It is a one-stop shop for furthering your practice's understanding and action toward enabling greater health equity for all. *Best of all, it is structured for the busy practice and uses short modules with both slide and video resources.*

A starting point for practice managers and PO leaders to get a sense of how they can best use the material in team

meetings and training is found in [A Guidebook to the Health Equity Curricular Toolkit](#). Appendix A of the guidebook on pages 49-52 includes some ready-to-use practice tools that can be used in team meetings to enlist a whole-team approach to planning action steps to promote skill-building to confront drivers of persistent and pervasive inequities.

Other ready-to-use tools for practice and team education are integrated in the two-part introductory module at: [Making America Healthier for All: What Each of Us Can Do \(Part 1\) AND Shifting the Paradigm Toward Social Accountability \(Part 2\)](#). It contains readings, slides, and video links so that regardless of learning styles, there is something for everyone.

If you prefer video clips, here are two treasures from the site that are fifteen minutes or less:

- [Facilitating Conversations about Inequity, Oppression, and Privilege](#)
- [Application Orientation to the Health Equity Curricular Toolkit of the Equity and Empowerment Lens for Facilitators and Learners](#)

There is a wealth of other information at the [AAFP health equity weblink](#). Give it a look!

## Thank You to Those Who Responded to the 2022 and Forward Planning Survey

We are especially grateful for the many readers who took the time to fill out our “2022 and Beyond” multiplayer planning survey last month. We really appreciated understanding your perspectives and preferences. It was refreshing to see that you value multipayer coordination and feel like you can perform better when plans and payers align and provide common signals. You said that:

- Ongoing funding and financial sustainability is a major concern;
- There is an appetite for more risk-based payment providing that it has clear expectations and provides information to practices about how they are performing along the way;
- 96% valued multipayer collaboration and convening; and
- 92% would like to see multipayer dashboards continue after the sunset of CPC+.

## Michigan Institute for Care Management and Transformation - Training and Webinar Announcement

A list of upcoming trainings, 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](mailto:micmt-requests@med.umich.edu)

## Michigan Data Collaborative CPC+ Dashboard Update

If you have any questions or suggestions regarding the dashboard, please contact MDC at [MichiganDataCollaborative@med.umich.edu](mailto:MichiganDataCollaborative@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](mailto:dbechel@umich.edu) or 734 740 0511) at any time to share your ideas and experiences.**