

PCMH+ Update
April 5, 2018

The purpose of this memo is to clarify timing and procedure for the Department of Social Services’ (the Department’s) Person Centered Medical Home + (PCMH+) initiative Wave 2.

The Department is extremely proud to continue to partner with the current Participating Entities (Legacy PEs), and also New PEs that are being selected through RFP, in Wave 2. Wave 1 of PCMH+ has evidenced the great value of building upon initial primary care practice transformation work with renewed attention to engagement with members, a broader array of care coordination strategies, opportunities for expansion of care teams to include community health workers, connections with community-based organizations and also robust provider collaborative activities. These efforts have demonstrably contributed to the health, well-being and care experience of the HUSKY Health members who are involved.

The Department’s approach with Wave 2 is as follows:

- **Wave 2 contracts** are effective from April 1, 2018 (for Legacy PEs) and May 1, 2018 (for New PEs), through December 31, 2019 (with a separate performance year for each of calendar years 2018 and 2019).
- **Legacy PEs** that continue to meet all PE requirements and execute contracts with the Department will roll forward into Wave 2.
- **New PEs** are being selected through the Wave 2 RFP. DSS has been excited to see greater than expected response to the PCMH+ Wave 2 RFP. As a result of the larger than expected bidding pool, reviewers need more time to fairly and adequately evaluate all bidders. It is our intention to take the time necessary to ensure that all potential participating entities are fully prepared to contribute to our already strong care coordination delivery system in Connecticut. We will broadcast the results of the RFP as soon as is possible, but want to share estimated contracting and implementation dates below.

With respect to timing and procedure for Wave 2, please see this chart for information in brief, and the relevant section below for more detail:

PE Type	Anticipated Wave 2 Contract Effective Date	Anticipated Date on Which Assignment List will be Received by PEs	Anticipated Date on Which Care Coordination Add-on Payments will Start (FQHC PEs only)
Legacy	April 1, 2018	April 1, 2018	April 1, 2018
New	May 1, 2018	May 1, 2018	May 1, 2018

DSS intends to hold a PE informational session on May 15, 2018 for both Legacy and New PEs. This session will orient new PEs to program requirements, and provide a forum for questions and information sharing amongst all PEs.

Please also reference the DSS PCMH+ webpage for program detail, PE monthly reports, data and other information related to PCMH+ Wave 1: <http://portal.ct.gov/dss/Health-And-Home-Care/PCMH-Plus>

Legacy PEs

The Department has continued to review reports from the Legacy PEs to evaluate how their delivery approach has matured over the Wave 1 PCMH+ performance year. The Department anticipates that many of the individuals who will be assigned to the Legacy PEs for Wave 2 have already been part of the program for Wave 1. The Department expects to timely complete the contracting and assignment process for Legacy PEs because many of the elements remain the same from Wave 1. The bullets below outline key target dates for the Legacy PEs:

- Legacy PEs have submitted their shared savings distribution plans and budgets are forthcoming, in compliance with RFP Wave 2 requirements.
- Legacy PEs will receive an updated assignment list (based on attribution run in March) on or around April 1, 2018.
- The Department expects all Legacy PEs to continue to engage with their already assigned members, and also to reach out to their assigned new members, starting promptly after the April 1, 2018 contract start date and continuing during a contract period running through December 31, 2019 (with a separate performance year for each of calendar years 2018 and 2019).
- Contract documents will be forwarded to the Legacy PEs as soon as is feasible.
- All FQHC Legacy PEs will receive care coordination add-on payments beginning with the month of April (payment will be made after each contract is fully executed).

We recognize that the member attribution being run in March of the program calendar year is not optimal. Unfortunately, the State budget impasse delayed our ability to roll out Wave 2 PCMH+ and necessitated extension of the Wave 1 contracts through March, whereas HEDIS- based quality measures are only run on a calendar year basis. The Department considered all available options, and has elected to use a shortened contract 'year' from the inception of Wave 2, so that all PEs will be aligned to the same schedule going forward. This will ensure that quality performance and expenditures for all PEs will be measured using the same calendar year of measurement data.

New Participating Entities (PEs)

- As noted above, review of new applications for Wave 2 is proceeding and the Department will release results of the procurement as soon as possible. Drawing from Wave 1 experience, the Department anticipates that ramp-up for new PEs will take time. On that basis, the Department is modestly deferring New PEs' contract start date as noted below. New PEs will receive their initial assignment list (based on attribution run in March) on or around May 1, 2018.

- The Department expects all New PEs to engage with their assigned members starting after the May 1, 2018 contract start date and continuing during a contract period running through December 31, 2019 (with a separate performance year for each of calendar years 2018 and 2019).
- All New FQHC PEs will receive care coordination add-on payments beginning with the month of May (payment will be made after each contract is fully executed).