

What you need to know about Joint Commission Primary Care Medical Home

Purpose:

Recognizing the benefits of increased access to health care, continuity of care, and patient-centered care, The Joint Commission has developed Primary Care Medical Home. This option enables the improvements in quality of care and patient safety achieved through accreditation to be combined with the potential for increased reimbursement when the additional requirements of a Primary Care Medical Home are met.

Timetable:

Organizations can now apply and be surveyed for this option.

Survey Process:

The Primary Care Medical Home option is built into the ambulatory on-site accreditation survey, it is not a stand-alone certification. Organizations successfully completing this process will be both Joint Commission accredited and receive a certification as a Primary Care Medical Home.

Organizations currently accredited under the Ambulatory Care program and wishing to elect the Primary Care Medical Home option will have the following two choices:

- 1) Elect the Primary Care Medical Home option as part of your next re-survey or
- 2) Undergo an unannounced special extension survey to use the option before the next re-survey. Compared to the Ambulatory survey, this extension survey will be shorter and focused only on Primary Care Medical Home requirements.

Fees:

At this time, there are no additional fees or survey days added for those selecting this option. However, organizations currently accredited under the Ambulatory Care program wishing to undergo an extension survey to obtain certification prior to their next resurvey will pay an additional fee.

Questions:

Have questions? Email pcmh@jointcommission.org or call 630-792-3005.