

APCM Update

The latest news, information, and resources for CHCs participating in the program



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Need to Know

The Medicaid Unit's Health Systems Division team at OHA is taking shape after being in flux for many months. Jennifer Smith returned from her leave on June 14, and Michelle Meuwissen has transitioned to a different role within the Medicaid Unit. Adrienne Cooke has been hired to replace Michelle in the Analyst role that handles APCM tasks, and she will be onboarded by early September. [Jennifer](#) at OHA is our main contact for FQHCs until Adrienne is fully trained. Thank you for your patience through all of these changes!

Please continue to use [Danielle](#) as your main APCM contact in the meantime. She is tracking all TA requests and responses and is connecting with OHA on a weekly basis.

We are hoping that APCM program functioning will return to normal by the end of this year, as Jennifer returns and once Adrienne has been brought-up-to-speed. This means that in early 2022, we'll once again be moving new work forward, with the close involvement of the Steering Committee.

Other APCM Tidbits

COVID-19 vaccination reimbursement

As announced by OHA in mid-April, COVID-19 vaccinations are carved-out of the APCM program. This means that APCM health centers will receive their PPS rate instead, and vaccine administration services will not establish new APCM patients.

The Business Systems Unit (BSU) at OHA has finalized user acceptance testing within the MMIS system, and reimbursement for COVID-19 vaccinations for APCM health centers will be happening soon. APCM health centers will be able to reprocess claims that were already submitted for COVID-19 vaccination services prior to the final system configuration being completed, and that reprocessing will be automatic. Fortunately, System Mass Adjustment Processes (SMAPs) do not seem to be needed at this time.

If you have questions about vaccination reimbursements for APCM health centers, please contact [Danielle](#).

Looking ahead to APCM quality metrics and benchmarks in 2022

Quality metrics will remain report-only through the rest of 2021. In the next few months, the APCM metrics and benchmarks for 2022 will need to be decided. We will continue to provide information about these decisions in future member updates.

Reminder about quarterly reporting

From now on, OHA asks that all quarterly reports (including quality templates, Care STEPs reports, and reconciliation reports) be sent to [Adrienne Cooke](#). Health centers will not receive a response from Adrienne right away, as she won't be fully onboarded until early September. However, receiving and tracking APCM reports is now her responsibility, and she will acknowledge receipt in due course. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter!

Training & Learning Opportunities

APCM Forum

Our APCM Forum took place on July 20 and we will be following-up with participants soon. Our next Forum will take place in January 2022. Calendar holds will be sent out this fall.

If you have questions about the APCM Forum meeting series, please contact [Torie](#).