

APCM Update

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



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What You Need to Know

The Medicaid Unit's Health Systems Division team at OHA is undergoing staffing changes. Jennifer Smith is on leave until June, and [Michelle Meuwissen](#) is transitioning to a new role within OHA within the next few months. Michelle continues to be our primary contact at OHA for FQHCs.

Please continue to use [Amy](#) as your main APCM contact. She is tracking all TA requests and responses, and connecting with Michelle, as appropriate. Thank you!

Other APCM Tidbits

Reporting COVID-19 Vaccinations as Care STEPs

COVID-19 immunizations count as meaningful engagement within the APCM program, and health centers are encouraged to enter them on their Care STEP reports in order to get credit for these services. OHA asks health centers to use 'Care Gap Outreach' as the default category for COVID immunizations. Health centers are allowed to use other categories if they prefer, but as with all Care STEP documentation, they should be able to demonstrate evidence of the engagement (if requested).

If you have questions about Care STEPs documentation, please contact [Amy](#).

Program Expansion

OPCA is tentatively planning on starting the decision-making process for Phase 9 in early fall, but this depends on whether OHA's team is fully staffed by then. The decision-making and onboarding processes rely on OHA's participation. If we're able to move forward, then the go-live date would be July 1, 2022. We plan to check in again with leadership of non-APCM health centers this summer.

[Amy](#) continues to lead the onboarding effort, for now. [Rob Schlegel](#), OPCA's Financial Sustainability Manager, will be taking a more central role in Phase 9 onboarding and beyond. Please contact either of them if you have questions about future program expansion.

Request for APCM Testimonials

We at OPCA want to know how we can be of greater value to health centers on the APCM program. Has there been a particular time that OPCA staff members have helped you navigate through a tricky APCM issue or challenge? If so, we'd love to hear from you. Please send an email that summarizes the situation to [Amy](#) by May 14. This can be just a brief description of how OPCA helped you, so a few sentences would be fine. Anything you'd be willing to share would be appreciated. Thank you!

Training & Learning Opportunities

APCM Forum

Our next APCM Forum will take place on July 20. This will be your opportunity to engage with your APCM health center peers. APCM health center leaders should all be receiving a calendar hold in the next few weeks. We will follow-up with more information and a registration link.

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