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# Arkansas Medicaid PCCM Updates

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# Disclosure

- Neither presenter have anything to disclose

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- Beneficiary Auto Assignment

# Additional Arkansas Medicaid Updates

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# Unicorn Status Achieved!

## *The Success of the Arkansas Medicaid PCMH Program*

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## What does it mean to be a Unicorn?





# What we know...

- This is a journey that requires upfront payment support to enable transformation
- Program design must address practices at different starting points – “one size doesn’t fit all”
- Standardized program may lead to “box-checking” and divert attention from the intent of the program
- Minimize unwarranted administrative burden
- Identifying high-risk patients requires more than claims-based information

# Vision



WOW... 

Performance Period	Practices (PCMHs)			PCPs			Beneficiaries		
	Practices Enrolled	Total Practices	% Practices Enrolled	PCPs Enrolled	Total PCPs	% PCPs Enrolled	Beneficiary Enrolled	Total Beneficiary	% Beneficiary Enrolled
2014	123	259	47%	659	1074	61%	295,000	386,000	76%
2024	186	307	61%	1038	1226	85%	262,524	319,119	82%

- In 2014 the average PBPM was \$ 3.40
- In 2024 the average PBPM is \$ 5.58

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## Incentives Invested



\$ 70,000,000

\$ 43,000,000

# 2025

- Updates to the QCI portal
  - Additional Fields
  - Updated ABX report
- Welcome letters should have been received

# 2025 Program Year

	2025 Quality Metric	Target	Change
1	PCP Visits for High Priority Beneficiaries	≥ 87%	No Change
2	Well-Child Visits in the First 15 Months of Life (6+ Visits)	≥ 56%	No Change
3	Well-Child Visits 15-30 Months (2+ Visits)	≥ 53%	Increased Target from 50%
4	Well-Child Visits in the Third, Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Years of Life	≥ 75%	No Change
5	Well-Child Visits in the Seventh, Eighth, Ninth, Tenth, and Eleventh Years of Life	≥ 65%	Increased Target from 63%
6	Adolescent Well-Care Visits (Age 12-20)	≥ 57%	No Change
7	Oral and Injectable Antibiotic Utilization	≤ 1,000	Decreased Target from 1,100
8	Chlamydia Screening in Women	≥ 50%	No Change
9	Cervical Cancer Screening	≥ 43%	No Change
10	Breast Cancer Screening	≥ 45%	Increased Target from 44%
11	Colorectal Cancer Screening	≥ 33%	No Change
12	Developmental Screening – <b>NEW METRIC</b>	≥ 21%	<b>NEW METRIC:</b> Percentage of children screened for risk of developmental, behavioral, and social delays using a standardized screening tool.
13	Controlling High Blood Pressure (eCQM CMS165)	≥ 64%	No Change
14	Comprehensive Diabetes Care: HbA1C Poor Control (>9.0%) (eCQM CMS122)	≤ 25%	No Change

# 2025 Core Metrics

Core Metric:	2025 Core Metrics	Target	Change
CM 1:	Oral and Injectable Antibiotic Utilization (Low Performance)	> 1,300	Decrease from 1,350
CM 2:	Well-Child Visits in the First 15 Months of Life (0 to 2 visits) (Low Performance)	≤ 16%	Decrease from 18%
CM 3:	PCP Visits for High Priority Beneficiaries (Low Performance)	≥ 70%	Increase from 67%
CM 4:	Concurrent Use of Opioids and Benzodiazepines (Low Performance)	≤ 25%	Decrease from 27%
CM 5:	Adolescent Well-Care Visits (Ages 12-20) (AWC) (Low Performance)	28%	Increase from 25%
CM 6:	HbA1c Test <b>(NEW CORE METRIC)</b>	< 25%	NEW METRIC: Percentage of beneficiaries 18 – 75 with diabetes (type 1 and type 2) who did not have a hemoglobin A1c (HbA1c) test during the measurement period.

# 2025 New Informational

New Metrics	Description
Tobacco Usage	Percentage of patients aged 12 years and older who were screened for tobacco use one or more times during the measurement period AND who received tobacco cessation intervention during the measurement period or in the six months prior to the measurement period if identified as a tobacco user (All payer source). (eCQM CMS138v13)
Avoidance of Antibiotic Treatment for Acute Bronchitis/Bronchiolitis	The percentage of episodes for members 3 months of age and older with a diagnosis of acute bronchitis/bronchiolitis that did not result in an antibiotic dispensing event.
Maternal Depression Screening	Percentage of those who have given birth in the past 12 months who have a paid Depression Screening claim billed either to the Mother’s Medicaid ID or the Child’s Medicaid ID.
Lead Screening	Percentage of children 2 years of age who had one or more capillary or venous lead blood test for lead poisoning by their second birthday.

*REMINDER: All eCQM Informational Metrics are due through the Provider Portal by January 31, 2026.*



# FAQs

- When will the 2025 PCMH Program Policy Addendum be available?
- Will there be another PHMR?
- ABX for 2024 and the increase cases of Pertussis (Whooping Cough, Atypical Mycoplasma Pneumonia, TB) will this be considered?
- Will there be a January 2025 PHMD?

# Questions



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