Guide to Reading Your Pool Report

This guide explains how to read your PCMH pool report and can help you:
• Find specific information in the report
• Understand the connection between sections of the report and program requirements

Things to know about your PCMH pool report

• The report provides information based on historical data
  — Data is displayed in rolling one-year time periods; exact timeframes are noted on each page
  — Data from all beneficiaries attributed to PCMHs in the pool is combined to determine performance on metrics, cost, and care categories
  — Practice support activities are assessed at the individual PCMH level
• Each PCMH will receive an individual report in addition to their pool report
  — The individual report should be used to assess the PCMH performance
  — The individual report may also be used to demonstrate each pooled PCMH’s contribution to the pool provided in the Shared Savings Entity report
  — All PCMHs will receive a shared savings report

The PCMH program seeks to reward primary care physicians for high-quality care that drives system-wide quality and efficiency. The PCMH program is part of the Arkansas Health Care Payment Improvement Initiative, a multi-payer collaboration between Arkansas Medicaid, Arkansas Blue Cross Blue Shield, Ambetter, United Healthcare and QualChoice of Arkansas.

Visit us online to login to the portal and access PCMH resources

www.paymentinitiative.org

Our website has details on:
• PCMH program details including the PCMH Program Policy Addendum and methodology used to calculate metrics
• Archived webinars on the PCMH program, interpreting reports and understanding shared savings
• Frequently asked questions, where to direct your questions, and links to resources

The website also has a link to the online portal. Use a secure username and password to:
• View your full report
• Submit required program data

Contact our knowledgeable provider support teams with questions and feedback
• Your Medicaid provider representative at Arkansas Foundation for Medical Care can be reached at 1-501-212-8600 or PCMH@afmc.org
• HP Enterprise Services Arkansas Health Care Payment Improvement Unit can be reached at 1-866-322-4696, locally at 1-501-301-8311, or via email at ARKPII@hpe.com
Your report provides information on three areas

Summary Data (page 2 of report)
The summary page gives basic data for your pool historical overview as well as a summary of the requirements for practice support and shared savings payments once the performance period begins.

Shared Savings Data (pages 3 - 7 of report)
The shared savings report shows a historical view of costs and of the quality metrics that will be tied to shared savings incentive payments during the performance period.

Additional Data (pages 8 - 11 of report)
The additional data pages provide a historical view on utilization metrics and cost of care by care category as well as a comparison to practices in your risk cohort. This information will not be tied to either practice support or shared savings payments, and is only for your planning purposes.
How to interpret your summary data

**Summary Page**

### Shared Savings entity overview

The overview gives basic facts about your pool as of the time periods specified:
- "Attributed point in time beneficiaries" shows the number of beneficiaries that were attributed to PCMHs in your pool as of the month prior to the reporting quarter (i.e. December 1 for Q1)
- "Beneficiaries attributed to you for at least 6 months" counts only beneficiaries assigned to primary care physicians in PCMHs in your pool for at least 6 months in the report period
- "Time Adjusted Member Attribution" shows the adjusted number of months a beneficiary has been attributed to your patient panel

### Practice support progress report summary

This section indicates how many PCMHs within your pool are eligible for practice support:
- Each PCMH’s practice support eligibility and data can be found in their PCMH report

### Shared Savings Eligibility Summary

This section displays pre-defined requirements to receive shared savings incentive payments:
- The pool total cost of care is compared to both the medium cost threshold as well as the pool-specific benchmark; both of these parameters are pathways to shared saving

Note: PCMHs must meet all practice support requirements in addition to the requirements listed above.

### Additional utilization metrics summary for informational purposes only

This section introduces your pooled entity’s risk score and risk cohort, which enable you to compare data against similar practices (for informational purposes only):
- Your pool risk score is based on an average across all beneficiaries attributed to PCMHs in your pool for at least 6 months
- Risk cohorts are based on the pool’s average risk score
- Only practices enrolled in Medicaid PCMH are included
- A cohort of Pools with similar risk scores is used in this report to allow comparisons to these practices on utilization metrics (page 7) and care categories (page 11). The comparison is for information only and not tied to payments
How to interpret the legend for metrics charts

Legend for metrics charts

The legend applies to the following sections of the report:
Shared savings (pages 3 - 7)

- These symbols indicate whether historical data meets qualifying levels
- In some instances where there are less than 25 beneficiaries, that metric will not be evaluated
  — For example, if two out of the fifteen quality metrics cannot be evaluated, the PCMH would have to meet two-thirds of the thirteen evaluated quality metrics

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1 Relevant to charts and metrics for shared savings (pages 3 -7)
How to read metrics charts

Metrics charts
The format of metrics charts are consistent across shared savings metrics (pages 3 - 7), and additional utilization metrics (pages 8 - 11)

- Utilization metrics do not show qualifying levels (known as 2017 targets) because they are not evaluated as part of the PCMH program requirements, but they do show the risk cohort or state average
- Refer to the PCMH Program Policy Addendum for details on specifications for quality and informational metrics

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<td># 15 month old beneficiaries with at least five wellness visits</td>
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<td>90 (12/31/15) 85 (03/31/16) 90 (06/30/16) 80 (09/30/16)</td>
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The graphed trendline displays the rates.

The methodology for calculating each metric is shown in the definition.

This report's time period is labeled here in the header.

The numbers reflect the patients in your PCMH who are included in this measure.

Pre-published qualifying levels from the PCMH Program Policy Addendum.

The result for this report's time period is shown in green font if qualifying levels are met, red font if qualifying levels are not met and black font if there are not enough beneficiaries to evaluate this metric.

Each point on the chart represents a rolling 12 months' worth of data for the time period labeled on the x-axis.

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1 Relevant to charts and metrics for shared savings (pages 3 - 7), and additional utilization data (pages 8 - 11) sections of the report.
Understanding your cost data (part 1 of 2)

Cost data

Thresholds, benchmarks, and cost

2016 experience

- Your 2016 risk-adjusted average cost, PBPY
- Your benchmark for managing growth in costs in 2017

2017 targets

- 2017 medium cost threshold
- 2017 high cost threshold

Cost data are displayed in the shared savings section of the report (page 3).

- Participating practices in a shared savings entity will receive an entity-level report in addition
- Standalone practices (6 month attributed beneficiaries of 5,000 or more) will only receive an entity-level report
- All costs are in per beneficiary per year numbers that have been adjusted by both risk score and the number of months a beneficiary has been attributed to your patient panel

Your 2016 risk-adjusted average cost, PBPY is used to give you an idea of how your cost performance has been recently. If your cost is below your benchmark, or below the medium or high cost threshold in 2016, you may be eligible for shared savings. This number should be used as a starting point for you to assess and prioritize opportunities for managing the growth in costs and providing efficient care.

Your 2017 benchmark is used for the purpose of managing growth in costs. If your 2017 average cost at the end of the performance period is at least 2% below your 2017 benchmark, indicating performance improvement, you may be eligible to receive shared savings payments.

$2,124 is the 2017 medium cost threshold. This threshold is used to calculate shared savings for providing efficient care as well as to establish your shared savings percentage for managing your growth in costs.

$2,842 is the 2017 high cost threshold. This threshold is used to establish your shared savings percentage for managing your growth in costs.

Note: See Section 237.000 of the provider manual or a detailed description of the shared savings incentive payment for providing efficient care and managing the growth in costs.
Understanding your cost data (part 2 of 2)

Cost data by care category

Cost data by care category is displayed in the additional data section of the report (page 11)

A. Number and percentage of beneficiaries with claims in the care category - enables you to understand the breadth of membership involved

B. Average cost per beneficiary per year with a claim in the category - allows you to understand what the value is of an average patient

C. Average spend in the care category per beneficiary per year (across all attributed beneficiaries) - allows you to see what the total value is of pursuing improved in a category

D. Average for your risk cohort - enables you to identify areas for improvement, i.e. where your performance is below that of your peers caring for similar types of patients

Cost information shows a comparison of your spend by care category to practices in your risk cohort

- The data is intended to provide insight around where your spend occurs compared to your peers caring for similar types of patient, enabling you to focus on areas for improvement
- The care categories are the same categories used in Arkansas Payment Improvement Initiative (APII) episode reports. Over time, these will be refined to highlight data particularly relevant to patient centered medical homes
- Care categories include: outpatient professional, pharmacy, emergency department, outpatient lab, inpatient professional, inpatient facility, outpatient radiology / outpatient procedures, outpatient surgery, and other
- The data is not tied to payment qualifications of any kind

Note: For additional detail on care categories refer to the “PCMH Program Policy Addendum” on the APII website.