



Health Home Happenings

Helpful information and tips for success regarding Iowa's Health Homes

September 2015



Health Home Overview

The Health Home Program has been in place since July 1, 2012. The growth has been slow over the last three years but the transformation has been amazing. For example, in the last year, 50 new health home sites have achieved Patient Centered Medical Home recognition. This reflects a lot of hard work being done to transform practices.

[An independent evaluation](#) of the first 18 months of the program showed significant improvements in care coordination, leading to fewer emergency department visits and inpatient stays. Improvements to the program also include changing the way a health home submits a claim for payment, to removing administrative and technical barriers.

The Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME) has created an orientation and training to better utilize the Patient Tier Assessment Tool (PTAT) and Iowa Medicaid Portal Application (IMPA) tools. Because of these administrative improvements, the IME has seen a decrease in resources dedicated to billing and updating IMPA and an increased focus on coordinating care.

The IME is still working on education around the importance of updating a member's assessment annually in IMPA. The improved PTAT training should assist in this matter. Not taking action on this annually creates a risk to providers which prevents them from getting paid for the health home services they are delivering. The IME is encouraged by the outcomes to date and look forward to a continued partnership with providers engaged in practice transformation.

Statistics	July 2014	July 2015
Number of Health Home Entities	48	61
Number of Counties Served	32	36
Number of Locations	79	101
Total Members Enrolled	6,086	6,911
Expired PTAT Assessment on File	67	210
Health Home Locations with Medical Home Recognition	30	83



State Innovation Model

Iowa was one of 11 recipients of the State Innovation Model (SIM) Testing grant. The goal of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Innovation Center initiative is to test whether new payment and service delivery models will produce superior results when implemented in the context of a state-sponsored State Health Care Innovation Plan. This Plan must improve health care, and lower costs for citizens through a sustainable model of multi-payer payment and delivery reform, and must be dedicated to delivering the right care at the right time in the right setting. To see the latest information about the SIM Grant go to:

<http://dhs.iowa.gov/ime/about/state-innovation-models>



Health Home and the State Innovation Model

Two of the strategies of SIM is to improve and promote population health. The state will improve population health through community integration efforts focused on social determinants of health; tools to better engage and incentivize patients; and facilitate public/private partnerships for education and outreach. Iowa will demonstrate that a greater focus on the social determinant roots will accelerate transformation of healthcare and significantly improve outcomes. This strategy aligns and expands on the current Health Home program. The IME will work to keep Health Home providers informed on SIM activities. To read more go to:

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New Provider Spotlight

The numbers of health homes have been increasing around the state. The newest additions are:

- Mercy Prairie Trail Family Medicine – Ankeny, Iowa
- Mercy Clinics Westtown Internal Medicine – West Des Moines, Iowa
- Mercy Clinics Carlisle – Carlisle, Iowa
- Mercy Clinics Ottumwa – Ottumwa, Iowa

[Health Home Map](#)

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Featured Upcoming Webinar Events!

Health Home Learning Collaborative Network:

Providing health homes with updates to the Health Home program and various topics to assist in providing services

Overview of SIM and a Transition Update
Thursday, September 24, 2015
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

Community Care Teams and Transition Update
Thursday, October 29, 2015
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

SIM Technical Assistance Strategy, How it relates to Health Home and Transition Update
Thursday, November 19, 2015
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

Register now!

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/5272910684056163330>

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