

**New York State Patient Centered Medical Homes Quarterly Report** 



### **Program Highlights and Background**

A Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH) is a model of care where each enrollee has an ongoing relationship with a personal physician and a care team. The physician and care team, which can include nurse practitioners, physician assistants, registered nurses, social workers, and care coordinators, take collective responsibility for meeting all the enrollee's health care needs. The PCMH model also emphasizes greater care through open scheduling, expanded hours, enhanced communication among all involved with an enrollee's care, and any other means to ensure that an enrollee obtains proper care in a culturally and linguistically appropriate manner. The National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) designed multiple recognition programs to objectively measure the degree to which a primary care practice meets the operational principles of the PCMH model.

NCQA's PCMH recognition is awarded to practices and their providers that meet a set of predetermined standards for providing high quality primary care services. As of the dates applicable to the data in this report, practices and their providers in New York State (NYS) can be recognized under one of the following NCQA standards:



- PCMH 2014 Level 1, 2 or 3
- PCMH 2017
- New York State PCMH (NYS PCMH)

In PCMH 2014 standards, practices received a higher score or level if they demonstrated more elements of the patient-centered care model. The last day practices could submit an application to be recognized under the 2014 standards was September 30, 2017. NCQA's 2017 standards were released on April 3, 2017 with an increased focus on social determinants of health, community connections and the integration of behavioral health. The leveling structure was eliminated in the 2017 PCMH program and recognition became valid for one-year periods instead of the previous three-year period to measure progress more frequently.

On April 1, 2018, the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) released NYS PCMH, an innovative model for primary care transformation. NYS collaborated with NCQA to develop this exclusive transformation model for all eligible primary care providers in New York State. NYS PCMH will expand access to high-performing primary care which is key to improving value in health care and achieving the Triple Aim goals of improved health, better health care and consumer experience, and lower cost. NYS PCMH requires practices to achieve a higher number of criteria to achieve recognition, with emphasis placed on behavioral health, care management, population health, value-based payment arrangements, and health information technology capabilities.

NYS currently has the greatest number of practices and providers\* recognized as a PCMH by NCQA compared to all other states in the country; 19.5% of all PCMH practices and 15.5% of providers in the country operate in NYS. As of December 2020, there were 2,736 practices recognized as a PCMH, of which 2,578 (94%) achieved recognition from the NYS PCMH standards. There were 10,306 providers recognized as a PCMH, of which 9,826 (95%) achieved recognition from the NYS PCMH standards. Smaller practices with only one provider working at the site currently make up the largest portion of PCMH-recognized practices.

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As of December 2020, 9,187 (40%) primary care physicians (PCPs) in Medicaid managed care (MMC) were recognized as a PCMH-recognized provider and 72% of Medicaid managed care (MMC), Health and Recovery Plan (HARP), and HIV Special Needs Plan (SNP) enrollees were assigned to a PCMH-recognized PCP\*. Of those enrollees, the majority were assigned to a PCMH-recognized provider who achieved recognition under the NYS PCMH recognition standards.

Office-based practitioners and Article 28 clinics recognized as PCMHs by NCQA receive additional payment for primary care services through the New York Statewide Medicaid PCMH Incentive Payment Program, in two ways. For managed care enrollees, DOH provides payments to the health plans through a non-risk payment for the sole purpose of health plans making enhanced payments to qualified providers. For Medicaid fee-for-service (FFS) enrollees, payments are made to qualified providers by DOH as an 'add-on' for qualifying visits. Over \$232 million was paid to PCMH-recognized providers via increased capitation payments by MMC plans from January 2020 through December 2020. Effective July 1, 2018, NYS Medicaid provides incentive payments to providers recognized under the following programs: level 3 PCMH under NCQA's 2014 standards; PCMH under NCQA's 2017 standards; or NYS PCMH.



To learn more about the New York Statewide Medicaid PCMH Incentive Payment Program please visit: the <u>Department of Health website</u>

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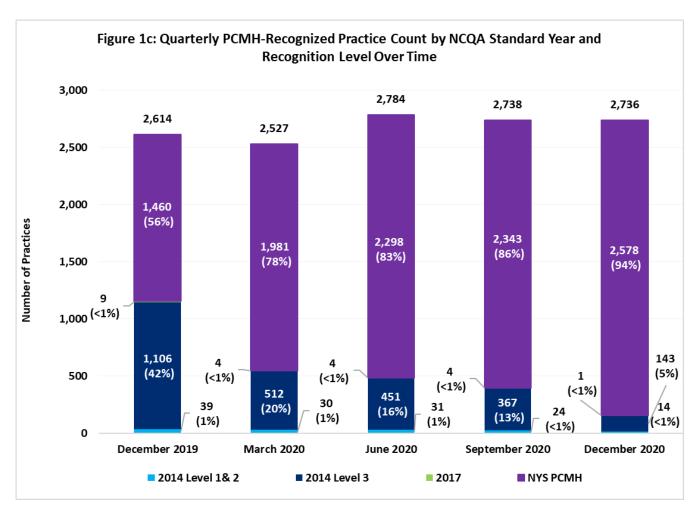
Figure 1a shows the number of unique PCMH-recognized practices in NYS by NCQA standard year and recognition level as of December 2020.

Figure 1a: PCMH-Recognized Practice Percentage by NCQA Standard Year and Recognition Level							
	Recognition Number of Percent PCMH recognized practices						
	1	2	<1%				
2014 Standards	2	12	<1%				
	3	143	5%				
2017 St	andards	1	<1%				
NYS PCMH		2,578	94%				
To	otal	2,736	100%				

Figure 1b shows the number of practices that are recognized as a PCMH under NCQA's standards by level from July 2020 to December 2020.

Figure 1b: PCMH-Recognized Practices by Standard Year and Level Over Time							
	Recognition Level	July 2020	August 2020	September 2020	October 2020	November 2020	December 2020
	1	2 (<1%)	2 (<1%)	2 (<1%)	2 (<1%)	2 (<1%)	2 (<1%)
2014 Standards	2	29 (1%)	24 (1%)	22 (1%)	14 (1%)	13 (<1%)	12 (<1%)
	3	432 (16%)	410 (15%)	367 (13%)	341 (13%)	279 (10%)	143 (5%)
2017 Standards		4 (<1%)	4 (<1%)	4 (<1%)	1 (<1%)	1 (<1%)	1 (<1%)
NYS	РСМН	2,316 (83%)	2,330 (84%)	2,343 (86%)	2,366 (87%)	2,408 (89%)	2,578 (94%)
T	otal	2,783	2,770	2,738	2,724	2,703	2,736

Figure 1c illustrates the number of PCMH-recognized practices by NCQA's recognition standards and levels from December 2019 to December 2020.



The number of PCMH-recognized practices with 2014 recognition decreased significantly from December 2019 to December 2020. This drop is largely due to the expiration of the recognition status of many practices under this recognition level. The number of practices with PCMH 2017 recognition standards has been reduced to one practice. The number of practices with NYS PCMH recognition increased rapidly. As of December 2020, 5% of PCMH-recognized practices have 2014 Level 3 recognition, and 94% have NYS PCMH recognition. The SIM grant ended on July 31, 2020 which may impact practice accreditation trends. **Due to COVID-19, NCQA and NYS froze PCMH accreditation expirations through December 31, 2020.** 

Figure 1d shows the number and percent of all NYS PCMH-recognized practices by Quality Assurance Reporting Requirements (QARR) region.\* The majority of recognized practices are located in the NYC (44%) and Western New York (16%) regions.

Figure 1d: PCMH-Recognized Practices in NYS by QARR Region							
Region	Number of PCMH-Recognized Practices	Percent of PCMH-Recognized Practices					
	245	9%					
Hudson Valley	245	9%					
Long Island	330	12%					
NYC	1,212	44%					
Northeast	264	10%					
Western	440	16%					
Total	2,736	100%					

Figure 1e shows the number and percent of PCMH-recognized practices in NYS by number of providers. Practices with only one reported provider (33%) make up the largest proportion of PCMH-recognized practices. There is also a high proportion of practices with 5-10 providers (22%).

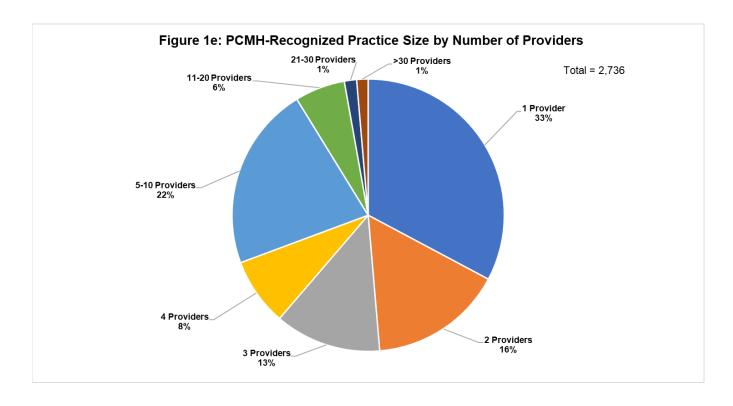


Figure 1f displays the 10 states with the most NCQA PCMH-recognized practices in the country as of December 2020. 19.5% of all PCMH-recognized practices in the country operate in NYS. NYS remains the state with the highest percentage of practices with NCQA's PCMH recognition. Figure 1f only includes the 10 states with the greatest number of PCMH-recognized practices. These states account for 61.6% of all PCMH-recognized practices in the country; all other states that are not included in this graph represent the remaining 38.4% of PCMH-recognized practices in the country. This figure only represents the PCMH practices that are recognized by NCQA. Practices may participate in other primary care transformation programs that are similar to NCQA's model.

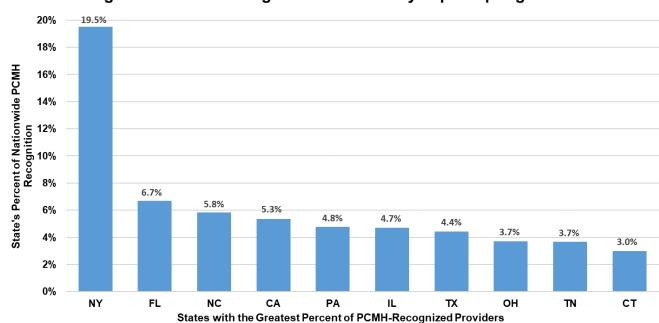


Figure 1f: PCMH-Recognized Practices by Top Adopting States

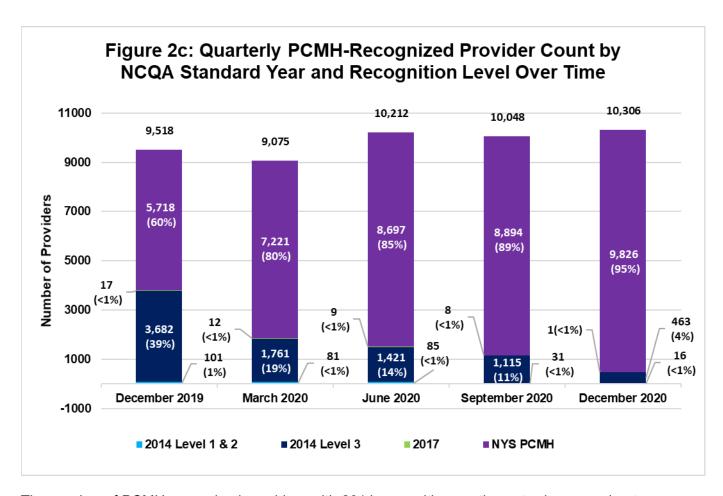
Figure 2a shows the number of unique PCMH-recognized providers in NYS by NCQA standard year and recognition level as of December 2020. The majority of providers have NYS PCMH recognition.

Figure 2a: PCMH-Recognized Provider Percentage by NCQA Standard Year and Recognition Level						
Recognition # of PCMH Recognized Providers Percent						
	1	2	<1%			
2014 Standards	2	14	<1%			
	3	463	5%			
2017 S	tandards	1	<1%			
NYS PCMH		9,826	95%			
T	otal	10,306	100%			

Figure 2b shows the number of PCMH-recognized providers that are recognized under NCQA's standards, and by level from July 2020 to December 2020.

Figure 2b: PCMH-Recognized Providers by Standard Year and Recognition Level Over Time							
	Recognition Level	July 2020	August 2020	September 2020	October 2020	November 2020	December 2020
	1	2 (<1%)	2 (<1%)	2 (<1%)	2 (<1%)	2 (<1%)	2 (<1%)
2014 Standards	2	83 (1%)	31 (<1%)	29 (<1%)	18 (<1%)	19 (<1%)	14 (<1%)
	3	1,348 (13%)	1,253 (12%)	1,115 (11%)	1,082 (11%)	840 (8%)	463 (5%)
2017 Standards		9 (<1%)	9 (<1%)	8 (<1%)	1 (<1%)	1 (<1%)	1 (<1%)
NYS PCMH		8,799 (86%)	8,847 (87%)	8,894 (89%)	8,949 (89%)	9,138 (91%)	9,826 (95%)
To	otal	10,241	10,142	10,048	10,052	10,000	10,306

Figure 2c shows the number of PCMH-recognized providers by standard year and recognition level from December 2019 to December 2020.



The number of PCMH-recognized providers with 2014 recognition continues to decrease due to the expiration of the recognition. The percentage of PCMH-recognized providers with 2014 Level 3 recognition changed from 39% to 4% during the time period shown. The number of PCMH-recognized providers under NCQA's 2017 standards has been reduced to one provider, while the number of NYS PCMH recognized providers increased dramatically from 5,718 to 9,826.

Figure 3a shows the proportion of PCMH-recognized PCPs that participated with MMC from December 2019 to December 2020. PCPs are defined as MDs, DOs, and NPs who have a primary or secondary specialty in Internal Medicine, Family Medicine, Pediatrics, Geriatrics, or General Practice. There are 9,187 PCMH-recognized PCPs that participate with MMC as of December 2020. Around 89% of PCMH-recognized PCPs participate with MMC. There may be other PCMH-recognized PCPs that participate with FFS Medicaid that are not included in this figure. Although only 40% of MMC providers are recognized as a PCMH, over half of the Medicaid population is assigned to these PCPs, indicating that these providers have large Medicaid panels. On page 15, Figure 7a shows the number of MMC enrollees assigned to PCMH-recognized PCPs.

Figure 3a: Proportion of All PCPs in MMC That are Recognized as a PCMH by Quarter								
	December March June September December 2019 2020 2020 2020 2020							
PCMH PCPs participating with MMC	8,189	7,830	8,820	8,683	9,187			
All PCPs participating with MMC	23,439	23,445	22,563	22,808	22,906			
PCMH Penetra- tion Rate in MMC	35	33	39	38	40			

Figure 3b shows all MMC PCPs are recognized under NYS PCMH as of Quarter 4 of 2020.

Figure 3b: PCMH-Recognized PCPs in MMC by Level and Standard Year						
Recognition Level Number of PCMH PCPs Percent of PCMH PCF						
	1	2	<1%			
2014 Standards	2	10	<1%			
Staridards	3	447	5%			
2017 St	tandards	1	<1%			
NYS	РСМН	8,727	95%			
To	otal	9,187	100%			

Figure 4 shows the percentage of PCMH-recognized PCPs, non-PCMH-recognized PCPs, and all PCPs that participate in MMC in NYS. As of December 2020, there are 1,119 PCMH-recognized providers that do not participate with MMC or have another specialty outside of the primary care specialties presented in this report. These providers may participate in Medicaid FFS.



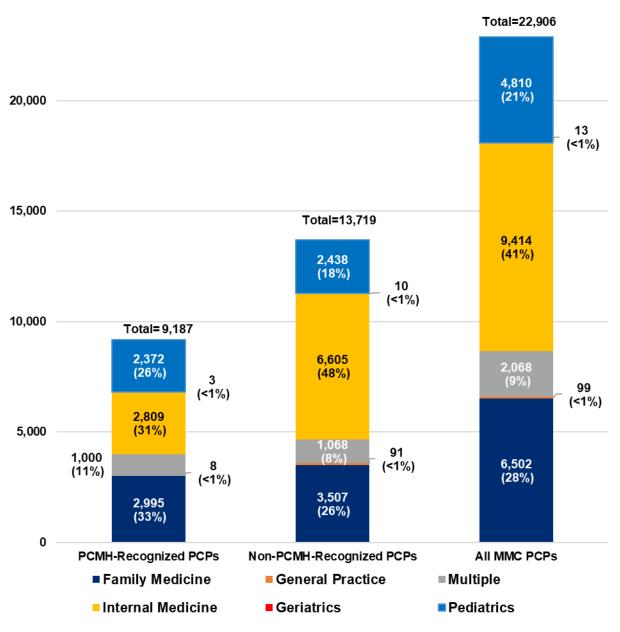


Figure 5 displays the 10 states with the most NCQA PCMH-recognized providers in the country as of December 2020. NYS represents 15.5% of all PCMH-recognized providers in the country. As of December 2020, NYS had the highest percentage of providers compared to the other states. Figure 5 represents states with the greatest number of PCMH-recognized providers. These 10 states account for 60.6% of all PCMH-recognized providers in the country; all other states that are not included in this graph represent the remaining 39.4% of PCMH-recognized providers in the country. This figure only represents the PCMH providers that are recognized by the NCQA. Providers may participate in other primary care transformation programs that are similar to NCQA's model.

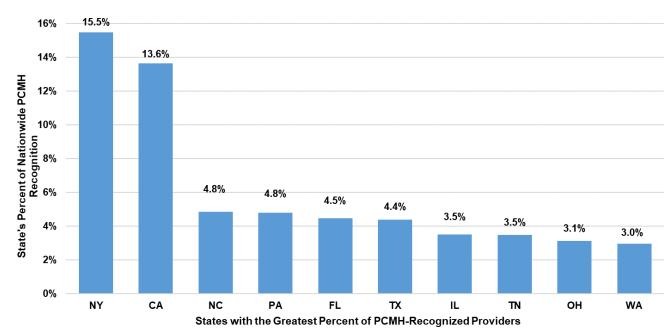


Figure 5: PCMH-Recognized Providers by Top Adopting States

### Section 3: Enrollee Information

Figure 6a shows the PCMH penetration rate for MMC, HARP, and HIV SNP enrollees. A higher proportion of HIV SNP enrollees are assigned to a PCMH recognized PCP compared to other Medicaid product types.

Figure 6a: PCMH Penetration Rate of Assigned MMC, HARP, and HIV SNP Enrollees								
	Assigned MMC Enrollees	MMC HARP Assigned HIV Total						
Total Enrollees Assigned to a PCMH- Recog- nized Provider	3,467,255	110,259	12,505	3,590,019				
Total Enrollees Assigned to a non- PCMH- Recog- nized Provider	1,341,913	38,321	1,910	1,382,144				
Total Enrollees	4,809,168	148,580	14,415	4,972,163				
PCMH Penetration Rate	72	74	87	72				

Figure 6b shows the number of NYS MMC, HARP, and HIV SNP enrollees assigned to PCMH-recognized PCPs by level and standard year as of Quarter 4 of 2020. Most enrollees are assigned to PCPs recognized at NCQA's NYS PCMH standards recognition.

Figure 6b: MMC, HARP, and HIV SNP Enrollees Assigned to PCMH Providers by Standard Year and Recognition Level								
Recognition Standard Year	Recognition Level	Assigned MMC Enrollees	Assigned HARP Enrollees	Assigned HIV SNP Enrollees	Total Enrollees			
2011	1	131	7	0	138			
2014 Standards	2	2,474	41	0	2,515			
Starraaras	3	175,182	5,086	1,637	181,905			
2017 Sta	ndards	117	5	0	122			
NYS PCMH		3,289,351	105,120	10,868	3,405,339			
Total En	rollees	3,467,255	110,259	12,505	3,590,019			

#### **Section 3: Enrollee Information**

Figure 7a shows the number of MMC, HARP, and HIV SNP enrollees assigned to PCMH-recognized PCPs from December 2019 to December 2020. As of December 2020, 72% of NYS MMC enrollees are assigned to PCMH-recognized PCPs.

Figure 7a: MMC, HARP, and HIV SNP Enrollees Assigned to PCMH-Recognized PCPs by Quarter								
	December 2019							
MMC Enrollees Assigned to PCMHs	2,903,801	2,749,695	3,221,524	3,396,715	3,590,019			
Enrollees Assigned to Non-PCMHs	1,308,706	1,446,457	1,282,732	1,412,800	1,382,144			
Total Enrollees	4,212,507	4,196,152	4,504,256	4,809,515	4,972,163			
PCMH Penetration Rate	69	66	72	71	72			

Figure 7b shows the rate of auto-assignment between PCMH-recognized and non-PCMH recognized practices in MMC. Auto-assignment is a process where an enrollee is assigned to a PCP by their health plan when the enrollee did not select a PCP. As of December 2020, the majority of MMC, HARP, and HIV SNP enrollees were not auto-assigned. Enrollees assigned to a PCMH-recognized provider had the highest rate of auto-assignment.

Figure 7b: Auto-Assignment Rates Between PCMH-Recognized and Non-PCMH Recognized PCPs in MMC, HARP, and HIV SNP							
	Not Auto- Assigned	Auto- Assigned	Not Reported	Un- assigned	Total Enrollees		
Total Enrollees Assigned to a PCMH-Recognized Provider	2,175,516	1,401,261	13,242	0	3,590,019		
	61%	39%	<1%	0%	100%		
Total Enrollees Assigned to a non-PCMH-Recognized Provider	783,740	505,599	3,308	89,497	1,382,144		
	57%	37%	<1%	6%	100%		
Total	2,959,256	1,906,860	16,550	89,497	4,972,163		
Total	60%	38%	<1%	2%	100%		

**Medicaid (FFS):** There were 94,403 unique Medicaid FFS enrollees that had a qualifying visit resulting in an add-on payment, with a PCMH-recognized provider from January 1, 2020 to December 2020.

### **Section 3: Enrollee Information**

Figure 8 shows how select demographics of MMC, HARP, and HIV SNP enrollees assigned to PCMH-recognized PCPs, are distributed as compared to the demographics of enrollees assigned to non-PCMH-recognized providers. There is a higher proportion of enrollees assigned to a PCMH-recognized provider in Western and Northeastern New York as well as New York City, of Black, Asian, Hispanic and Other racial/ethnic groups, those that receive TANF or Supplemental Security Income, and that are in age group 0-20 as compared to the demographics of enrollees assigned to non-PCMH-recognized providers.

Figure 8: MMC, HARP, and HIV SNP Enrollee Characteristics							
Demographic Category		Members Assigned to PCMH Providers (%)	Members Assigned to Non-PCMH Providers (%)				
Region	New York City	57.1	54.7				
	Central	6.9	8.3				
	Long Island	7.9	12.7				
	Hudson Valley	8.6	11.7				
	Northeast	6.0	4.2				
	Western	13.5	8.4				
Race	Black	17.6	14.9				
	White	26.3	32.5				
	Asian	10.3	10.2				
	Hispanic	8.5	5.6				
	Other	37.3	36.9				
Aid Category	Safety Net	28.9	36.8				
	Supplemental Security Income	7.2	6.0				
	TANF	63.9	57.1				
	Other	<0.1	<0.1				
Age	0-20	46.2	36.7				
	21-54	42.5	50.1				
	55-64	9.8	11.5				
	65-74	1.2	1.3				
	75+	0.3	0.4				
Gender	Male	47.1	48.1				
	Female	52.9	51.9				

### **Section 4: Expenditures**

The figures in this section display the amounts paid for the New York Statewide Medicaid PCMH Incentive Payment Program. Figure 9 shows the amount spent on PCMH-recognized providers via increased capitation payments to practices for their MMC, HARP, HIV SNP, and CHP enrollees from January 2020 through December 2020.

# Figure 9: Medical Home Spending by MMC Product Line January 2020 through December 2020

	ММС	HARP	HIV SNP	СНР	Total
Total	\$206,292,886	\$6,785,593	\$771,195	\$18,658,103	\$232,507,777

<sup>\*</sup>The Family Health Plus (FHP) program ended on December 31, 2014. PCMH payments are only given for MMC, HARP, HIV SNP, and CHP products, and Medicaid FFS Add-ons. The HARP plans began serving NYC enrollees in October 2015 and began serving the rest of the state in July 2016.

For more information on PCMH initiatives in Medicaid, please visit: https://www.health.ny.gov/health\_care/medicaid/program/update/medup-pa-pn.htm#patiented

### **Important Links**

#### Information on New York State PCMH Initiatives in Medicaid

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#### Comparison of NCQA's 2014 and 2017 standards

http://www.ncqa.org/Portals/0/Programs/Recognition/PCMH/PCMH%202014-PCMH%202017%20Crosswalk%206.19.17 Final web.pdf

#### **New York State PCMH Brochure**

https://www.health.ny.gov/technology/nys\_pcmh/docs/pcmh\_brochure.pdf

#### **New York State PCMH Standards and Guidelines**

http://store.ncqa.org/index.php/catalog/product/view/id/3100/s/2017-pcmh-standards-and-guidelines-for-new-york-state-practices-only-epub/

#### **NCQA PCMH-Recognition State Comparison**

http://reportcards.ncqa.org/#/practices/list

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