

Addendum to Joint Principles of the Patient-Centered Medical Home

The Patient-Centered Medical Home is an approach to providing comprehensive primary care for children, youth and adults. A team of individuals at the practice level collectively takes responsibility for the ongoing coordinated and comprehensive care of patients. Team-based care is an essential component of PCMH and is inclusive of physicians, nurses, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and other health professionals. In some states, nurse practitioners, through their scope of practice, and their practices have the capability to serve as a PCMH. To be recognized as a PCMH, all practices, whether led by physicians or by nurse practitioners, must meet the tenets outlined in the Joint Principles of the Patient-Centered Medical Home (March 2007) and meet criteria consistent with those of the NCQA Physician Practice Connection - Patient Centered Medical Home.