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Need to Know

The Medicaid Unit’s Health Systems Division team at the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) continues to be in transition. Jennifer Smith returned from her leave on June 14, and Michelle Meuwissen has transitioned to a new role within the Medicaid Unit. Adrienne Cooke has been hired to replace Michelle in the Analyst role that handles APCM tasks, and she will be onboarded by late August. Jennifer at OHA is our main contact for FQHCs until Adrienne is fully trained, and we ask that you copy in Michelle to your correspondence in order to maintain program continuity.

Please continue to use Amy as your main APCM contact in the meantime. She is tracking all TA requests and responses and is connecting with OHA on a weekly basis.

We are hoping that APCM program functioning will return to normal by the end of this year as Jennifer returns, and once Adrienne has been brought up to speed. This means that in early 2022, we’ll once again be moving new work forward with the close involvement of the Steering Committee.

Other APCM Tidbits

Quarterly Reports for Q1 (January-March) and Q2 (April-June)
OHA asks that all quarterly reports (including quality templates, Care STEPs reports, and reconciliation reports) now be sent to Adrienne Cooke. Health centers will not receive a response from Adrienne right away as she won’t be fully onboarded until late August. However, receiving and tracking APCM reports is now her responsibility, and she will acknowledge receipt in due course.

COVID-19 Vaccination Reimbursement
As announced by OHA in mid-April, COVID-19 vaccinations are carved-out of the APCM program. This means that APCM health centers will receive their PPS rate instead, and vaccine administration services will not establish new APCM patients.

The Business Systems Unit (BSU) at OHA is still finalizing user acceptance testing within the MMIS system, and so reimbursement for COVID-19 vaccinations for APCM health centers has been delayed. APCM health centers will be able to reprocess claims that were already submitted for COVID-19 vaccination services prior to the final system configuration being completed. Michelle anticipates that some System Mass Adjustment Processes (SMAPs) may need to be warranted, depending on the volume of claims that will need to be reprocessed. She’ll be in touch with OPCA and health centers once BSU’s testing and system configuration is complete. In the meantime, please continue to submit claims as usual.

If you have questions about vaccination reimbursements for APCM health centers, contact Amy.

Training & Learning Opportunities

APCM Forum
Our next APCM Forum will take place on Tuesday, July 20. This will be your opportunity to engage with your APCM health center peers around issues pertinent to the program. If you have not received registration information from OPCA or your health center leadership, please contact Torie. We hope to have each APCM health center represented on the day, and ideally, we would have both leadership and APCM staff members (such as project managers/coordinators and attribution specialists) in attendance.

If you have questions about the APCM Forum meeting series, please contact Torie.