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What You Need to Know

The Medicaid Unit’s Health Systems Division team at OHA continues to be in transition. Jennifer Smith is due to return from her leave soon, and Michelle Meuwissen is transitioning to a new role within the Medicaid Unit. Michelle remains our primary contact at OHA for FQHCs until Jennifer Smith returns from leave, which should happen in June.

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

We are hoping that APCM program functioning will return to usual by the end of the year, once Jennifer returns and Michelle’s replacement has been fully 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

Reimbursements for COVID Vaccinations

As announced by OHA in mid-April, COVID 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 conducting back-end testing within the MMIS system, and so reimbursement for COVID vaccinations for APCM health centers has been delayed. Michelle expects that System Mass Adjustment Processes (SMAPs) may need to be followed, based on the volume of claims that will need to be paid. She’ll be in touch with OPCA and health centers once BSU’s testing is complete.

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

Last call for APCM Testimonials

We at OPCA want to know how we can be of greater value to health centers on the APCM program. Has there been a particular time that OPCA staff members have helped you navigate through an APCM issue or challenge? If so, we’d love to hear from you. Please send an email that summarizes the situation to Amy by Friday, June 4. Thank you!

Training & Learning Opportunities

APCM Forum

Our next APCM Forum will take place on July 20. This will be your opportunity to engage with your APCM health center peers around issues pertinent to the program. APCM health center leaders will be receiving calendar holds and a registration link in early June.

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