



AHEAD Primary Care Advisory Council Meeting

October 6, 2026

Agenda

- Welcome to the New OAPC Director and CMO.
- Advisory Council Introductions.
- Updates on Recruitment for PY 2027.
- Reminders on the Quality Incentive Program (QIP).
- Updates on eCQM Reporting and Data Tools.
- Wrap-Up and Next Steps.

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Advisory Council Introductions

Please provide your name, role/position and organization

- Senator Pamela Beidle
- Brian Bailey
- Dr. Jeffrey Bernstein
- Dr. Kenneth Buczynski
- Meghan Crosby Budinger
- Dr. Falana Carter
- Dimitrios Cavathas
- Dr. Sandy Chung
- Dr. Amar Duggirala
- Leigh Hunter
- Carlene James
- Dr. Pankaj Kheterpal
- Dr. Scott Krugman
- Carla Leedy
- Arumani Manisundaram
- Dr. Ursula McClymont
- Dr. Julio Menocal
- Dr. Robin Motter-Mast
- Dr. Mercy Obamogie
- Dr. Nkem Okeke
- Dr. Vicky Parikh
- Linda Raines
- Dr. Magaly Rodriguez de Bittner
- Dr. Marcee White

Updates on Recruitment for PY 2027

Definitions and Deadlines

Participant Type	Eligibility Group/Name	Details
NEWLY ELIGIBLE	MDPCP-Established in HealthChoice	Primary care practices affiliated with an MDPCP TIN that have at least 11 assigned members across all MCOs
NEWLY ELIGIBLE	Non-MDPCP	New primary care participants applying for the Medicaid program. These practices might also have applied for PC AHEAD and/or MDPCP-AHEAD>
NEWLY ELIGIBLE	MDPCP-New to HealthChoice	Primary care practices affiliated with an MDPCP TIN that have 0-10 assigned members across all MCOs
CONTINUING PARTICIPANTS	Current MAPCP	A primary care practice TIN that is currently in the Medicaid Advanced Primary Care Program

Application Numbers At-A-Glance

- **19 new practice organizations** applied and were eligible for the Medicaid Advanced Primary Care Program
 - These organizations have all signed with at least one MCO and will be in MAPCP for PY 2027
- **42 new practices** applied for either MDPCP-AHEAD or PC AHEAD
 - MDPCP-AHEAD applicants will still need to be vetting for the 125 Medicare beneficiary attribution requirement
- We expect final numbers on PY 2027 participation within ~ 1 month

Reminders on the Quality Incentive Program

PY 2026 Medicaid Quality Incentive Program Timeline

CY 2026

- Jan. 1 - Dec. 31, 2026: Calendar Year (CY)/ Performance Year (PY) 2026.

CY 2027

- March 2027: Submit CY 2026 eCQM results in CRISP.
- July – Aug. 2027: Calculate CY 2026 quality results.
- Sept. 2027: Prepare CY 2026 quality results reports.
- Nov. 2027: Finalize CY 2026 quality results.
- Dec. 2027: Issue CY 2026 quality incentive payments.

Recap on Data Tools and Progress Updates

Coming soon: New CRISP Data Tools

- Multi-Payer Reporting Suite (MPR) Migration
 - Impacts: MDPCP-AHEAD and PC AHEAD participants
 - Launch: February 2027
- Data Accuracy Validation Engine (DAVE) Tool for eCQM Reporting
 - Impacts: All AHEAD Primary Care Program participants
 - Launch: January 2027

CRISP Multi-Payer Reporting Suite (MPR)

- Participants can **track all AHEAD primary care programs in a single application** with consistent information provided across programs
- **Reduce administrative burden** for users, particularly those participating in the Medicaid Advanced Primary Care Program
- Centralize utilization tracking, care management, and program tracking to provide a **single-platform view to monitor all panels**, fostering better coordination across different payer types

Background on the DAVE Tool

- All participants in the Maryland AHEAD Primary Care Programs (MDPCP, PC AHEAD, MAPCP) are required to submit Electronic Clinical Quality Measures (eCQMs)
- **All participants will submit quality data through the Data Accuracy Validation Engine (DAVE) tool in the CRISP Reporting Services Portal (Reports tile)**
- DAVE tool is a secure, web-based platform that allows practice submissions across their program participation, while providing a more accurate complete and standardized quality measurement
- DAVE tool opens for submissions in January 2027

More on DAVE Tool and eCQM Reporting

- File Submission Options
 - QRDA-I Files only
- CMS 2 - Screening for Depression and Follow-up Plan
 - Default set to manually enter aggregate data
- Provider Inclusion and Exclusion
 - Primary Care Providers only, specialists should be excluded from reporting
- Exemption Request Application
 - Practices unable to submit QRDA-I files, may request and exemption and will manually enter aggregate level data

Question and Answer

Wrap Up and Next Steps

Resources and Learning Opportunities

- All Programs
 - [Care Manager Affinity Group](#) on **Tuesday, Nov. 10 from noon to 1:00 p.m.**
- MDPCP-AHEAD
 - [MDPCP-AHEAD Office Hour](#) on **Wednesday, Oct. 21 from noon to 1:00 p.m.**
- Medicaid Advanced Primary Care Program
 - [Program Manual](#)
 - [Quality Incentive Methodology](#) and [Webinar Recording](#)
- PC AHEAD
 - [PC AHEAD Office Hour](#) on **Thursday, Oct. 8 from noon to 1:00 p.m.**

Appendix

2026 Quality Incentive Measures and Weights

Population	Domain	Measure Name	Data Source	PY 2026	Measure Weight	Quality Incentive of \$1 PMPM
Adults	Healthcare Utilization	Emergency Department Utilization (EDU)	Claims	P4P	12.5%	\$0.125 PMPM
Adults	Healthcare Utilization	Acute Hospital Utilization (AHU)	Claims	P4P	12.5%	\$0.125 PMPM
Children	Primary Care Access and Preventive Care	Child and Adolescent Well-Care Visits	Claims	P4P	12.5%	\$0.125 PMPM
Children	Primary Care Access and Preventive Care	Developmental Screening in the First Three Years of Life (DEV-CH)	Claims	P4P	12.5%	\$0.125 PMPM
Adults	Chronic Conditions	Comprehensive Diabetes Care: Hemoglobin A1c Poor Control (>9.0%)	eCQMs	P4R	12.5%	\$0.125 PMPM
Adults	Chronic Conditions	Controlling High Blood Pressure	eCQMs	P4R	12.5%	\$0.125 PMPM
Adults	Prevention & Wellness	Colorectal Cancer Screening	eCQMs	P4R	12.5%	\$0.125 PMPM
Children and Adults	Behavioral Health (BH)	Screening for Depression and Follow-Up Plan: Ages 12 to 64	eCQMs	P4R	12.5%	\$0.125 PMPM

PY2026 High-performance Targets for P4P Measures

Population	Domain	Measure Name	Data Source	2024 Statewide Performance	PY2026 Performance Level Target
Adults	Healthcare Utilization	Emergency Department Utilization (EDU) *	Claims	0.81	0.81
Adults	Healthcare Utilization	Acute Hospital Utilization (AHU) *	Claims	1.01	1.01
Children	Primary Care Access and Preventive Care	Child and Adolescent Well-Care Visits (WCV)	Claims	59.2%	59.9%
Children	Primary Care Access and Preventive Care	Developmental Screening in the First Three Years of Life (DEV-CH)	Claims	59.1%	59.7%

*This is an inverse measure. A lower number is better.

Aligned Quality Measures

Target Population	Measure Domain	Measure Title	Data Source	Medicaid Payment Arrangement	PHIP
Adults	Healthcare Utilization	Emergency Department Utilization (EDU)	Medicaid claims	P4P	
Adults	Healthcare Utilization	Acute Hospital Utilization (AHU)	Medicaid claims	P4P	
Children	Primary Care Access and Preventive Care	Child and Adolescent Well-Care Visits (WCV)	Medicaid claims	P4P	X
Children	Primary Care Access and Preventive Care	Developmental Screening in the First Three Years of Life (DEV-CH)	Medicaid claims	P4P	
Children and Adults	Behavioral Health (BH)	Screening for Depression and Follow-Up Plan (CDF-CF and AD): Ages 12 to 64	eCQMs through CRISP	P4R	
Adults	Chronic Conditions	Comprehensive Diabetes Care: Hemoglobin A1c Poor Control (>9.0%) (CDC-HbA1c Poor Control)	eCQMs through CRISP	P4R	X
Adults	Chronic Conditions	Controlling High Blood Pressure (CBP)	eCQMs through CRISP	P4R	X
Adults	Prevention & Wellness	Colorectal Cancer Screening	eCQMs through CRISP	P4R	X

Notes: P4P = pay-for-performance; P4R = pay-for reporting

Measures by AHEAD Primary Care Program

Target Population	Measure Domain	Measure Title	Measure Identifier	Data Source	Medicaid Payment Arrangement	PC AHEAD	MDPCP AHEAD	Medicaid
Adults	Healthcare Utilization	Emergency Department Utilization (EDU)	CMIT 234	Claims	P4P	X	X	X
Adults	Healthcare Utilization	Acute Hospital Utilization (AHU)	CMIT 14	Claims	P4P	X	X	X
Children	Primary Care Access and Preventive Care	Child and Adolescent Well-Care Visits (WCV)	CMIT 24	Claims	P4P			X
Children	Primary Care Access and Preventive Care	Developmental Screening in the First Three Years of Life (DEV-CH)	CMIT 1003	Claims	P4P			X
Children and Adults	Behavioral Health (BH)	Screening for Depression and Follow-Up Plan (CDF-CF and AD): Ages 12 to 64	CMIT 672	eQMs through CRISP	P4R	X	X	X
Adults	Chronic Conditions	Comprehensive Diabetes Care: Hemoglobin A1c Poor Control (>9.0%) (CDC-HbA1c Poor Control)	CMIT 204	eQMs through CRISP	P4R	X	X	X
Adults	Chronic Conditions	Controlling High Blood Pressure (CBP)	CMIT 167	eQMs through CRISP	P4R		X	X
Adults	Prevention & Wellness	Colorectal Cancer Screening	CMIT 139	eQMs through CRISP	P4R	X		X

Additional Resources

- [PC Advisory Council Members and Bios](#)
- [Maryland's AHEAD Primary Care Programs webpage](#)
- [AHEAD Model Overview](#)
- [2025 "State of the AHEAD Primary Care Programs" All-Call \(12/16/25\)](#)
- [PY 2026 Medicaid Path Program Manual](#)