The New York State advanced primary care initiative, sponsored by the New York State Department of Health, seeks to support practices’ efforts to achieve NYS Patient Centered Medical Home (NYS PCMH) designation with technical assistance and coaching support for practices. In support of this initiative, four Capital Region-Hudson Valley health plans, CDPHP, Empire BC*, MVP Health Care and The Empire Plan are initiating a voluntary, multi-payer collaboration. This collaboration targets small and medium size primary care practices with a payment model that facilitates both transformation to advanced primary care and ongoing efforts to improve patient outcomes.

These health plans are committed to offering supplemental transformation support for at least one year while practices are working toward advanced primary care transformation. Value-based reimbursement may be offered either at the outset or after NYS PCMH recognition is achieved. Each health plan has an advanced primary care contract that it can offer practices that are undertaking transformation as part of the New York State advanced primary care initiative. Even if you have not signed up for the New York State advanced primary care model, your practice might already be participating in one of these advanced primary care contracts. If so, this is an important opportunity to enter into advanced primary care contracts with the remaining payers listed below.

* Empire BC does not require NYS PCMH but encourages practices to consider participation.
Practices should be aware that the following are expectations of this multi-payer advanced primary care model:

- To be eligible for the multi-payer model, the practice will sign up with the New York State advanced primary care initiative and select a technical assistance agent to support the practice during the transformation to NYS PCMH. **NYS is providing free technical assistance support to eligible primary care practices for a limited time based on the State Innovation Model grant funding.**

- The practice agrees to use best efforts to achieve NYS PCMH within one year to sign-up\(^1\). If the transformation process takes longer than one year, the health plans may suspend supplemental transformation payments at the end of year one. Please note that individual health plans may not require NYS PCMH recognition for their value-based contract.

- To maintain ongoing eligibility for the multi-payer payment model, the practice may need to maintain current NYS PCMH status recognition status in the future. Individual health plans may have additional or different future requirements.

- The practice is aware that meeting performance standards may be required in the future to maintain good standing for the payment model.

Primary care practices that meet the eligibility criteria\(^1\) should contact their regional practice transformation agent (TA) - see contact information on next page. The TA agent will assist your practice in completing an enrollment inquiry form and sharing it with the four participating health plans. If you have questions about the payment model, please contact the individual health plans using the contact information below.

\(^1\) Amount of time that practices have to achieve NYS PCMH recognition may vary, for more information please visit [https://health.ny.gov/technology/innovation_plan_initiative/nys_pcmh.htm](https://health.ny.gov/technology/innovation_plan_initiative/nys_pcmh.htm).
Practice Transformation Agent Contact Information
New York State Advanced Primary Care Initiative

If you have any issues contacting any of the agents listed below please contact the Department of Health by emailing SIM@health.ny.gov or calling 518-474-5423.

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