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*Fact Sheet for Administrators, Providers, and Policy Makers*

# Primary Care Plus (PCPlus)

PCPlus is a value-based payment model for primary care services. PCPlus gives primary care providers greater flexibility and incentives to meet MaineCare members' health care needs through a phased transition away from a volume-based (fee-for-service) payment system, to an approach that provides population-based payments tied to cost, quality, and utilization outcomes. As of July 2024, there are over 240 primary care practices participating in PCPlus.

## Payment Model

Practices have a unique Population-Based Payment (PBP) based on their patient population and the characteristics of the primary care practice.

PCPlus gives different types of practices the opportunity to participate in the program, including federally qualified health centers, rural health clinics, independent, and hospital-based practices serving adults, older adults, and/or children.

Performance-based adjustments are made quarterly to the provider's PBP based on performance on PCPlus performance measures.

### PCPlus care delivery model:

PCPlus encourages primary care practices to use an expanded care team to connect patients to health care and community supports. PCPlus also enhances coordination and integration of primary and behavioral healthcare to better meet the needs of MaineCare members. The model aims to improve healthcare quality while also reducing costs.

### PCPlus goals:

- Incent proactive, flexible, whole-person focused primary care
- Support meaningful practice change through population-based payments
- Improve health and health care outcomes
- Align with Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation Primary Care First Initiative
- Build bridges from primary care to community support services
- Support patients in managing and organizing their own care

### Population-based payments support innovation in care delivery:

- Payments to support practice functions not tied to fee-for-service billing for an attributed population
- Team-based approach to care
- Flexibility in practice design and workflows
- Increased focus on services to support patient needs including coordination with other health care teams such as Community Care Teams (CCT) and Behavioral Health Homes (BHH)

### Multi-payer alignment means:

- Greater ability to transform care at the practice level
- Reduced administrative burden

### Other benefits of PCPlus participation:

- Access to performance data for attributed lives
- Invitations to training and technical assistance opportunities, including peer learning

**For more information on PCPlus and/or how to become a PCPlus provider, please visit:**
https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/oms/providers/value-based-purchasing/primary-care