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New and Existing AMH Program Supports

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Session #3:

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Welcome to the AMH Webinar Series – Session #3

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Agenda

Today We Will Discuss:

- AMH Tier 3 Glidepath Program and Attestation Details
- Healthy Opportunities Screening, Assessment and Referral ("HOSAR")
- AMH Program Webpages and Resources

- Upcoming Updated AMH Provider Manual
 - AMH Technical Advisory Group (TAG) and Data Subcommittee (AMH Data TAG)

AMH Tier 3 Glidepath Program

AMH Tier 3 Glidepath Background

To help practices meet the requirements of the AMH Tier 3 model, the Department is offering a new payment stream to AMH Tier 3 practices in the 3 months prior to Managed Care launch.

Aims:

- Incentivize timely contracting between AMH Tier 3 practices and
 Health Plans
- Emphasize importance of data exchange to support AMH Tier 3
- Support implementation costs associated with the AMH Tier 3 requirements

Please see DHHS website for more information about the AMH Glidepath:

https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/blog/2021/02/01/advanced-medical-home-tier-3-%E2%80%9Cglidepath%E2%80%9D-payments

AMH Tier 3 Glidepath Overview

In the three months prior to Managed Care launch, the Department will make an \$8.51 PMPM payment available to AMH Tier 3 practices that successfully attest to glidepath requirements.

- Qualifying practices will receive payment for each month in which they meet the eligibility requirements.
- \$8.51 PMPM payments will flow to practices as an addition to practices' current CA II Payments.
- If practices are not ready by "Opportunity 1" they can attest ahead of "Opportunity 2" or "Opportunity 3."
- Practices only need to attest once.



AMH Tier 3 Glidepath Eligibility

Eligibility

- ✓ Attest with the Department as a Tier 3 AMH within in NCTracks
- ✓ Complete contracting at a Tier 3 level with at least two Health Plans
- ✓ Undergo successful data exchange testing:
 - 1. Complete necessary technology work to ingest required data interfaces per the state technical specifications
 - 2. Complete at least one full round of testing with at least two Health Plans for all required AMH interfaces
 - 3. Complete defect resolution from the full round of testing and be on target to complete additional testing as needed

E2E Testing

- Some AMH Tier 3 practices and their affiliated CINs/Other Partners are participating in end-to-end (E2E) testing with the Department.
- Successful E2E testing by a CIN/Other Partner with at least two contracted Health Plans meets the "successful data exchange testing" requirement for the AMH Tier 3 practices affiliated with that CIN/Other Partner. If your practice (or CIN/other partner or your behalf) participated in E2E testing, you must still attest within NC Tracks to receive the payments.
- You do not need to be a part of E2E testing to be eligible for AMH Tier 3 Glidepath payments

AMH Tier 3 Data Requirements and Testing

Required data exchanges for testing*:

- · Beneficiary assignment interface
- Pharmacy lock-in file
- Medical professional claims interface—includes separate header & line interfaces
- Medical Institutional Claims Interface—includes separate header & line interfaces
- Pharmacy Claims Interface—includes separate header & line interfaces
- Dental claims interface—includes separate header & line interfaces

What should AMH Tier 3s/CINs be doing?

- As AMH Tier 3s contract with PHPs they or their CIN should be directly communicating with the PHP regarding onboarding to the PHP systems to exchange this data
- AMH Tier 3s or their CINs should be developing the capability to ingest, store and use the data described above according to the published AMH program data strategy policy papers **
- In order to do so, AMH Tier 3s or their CINs should have system capabilities and technical experts on staff to develop capabilities based on the Department Specifications

^{*}Specifications for the required data exchanges can be found on the DHB Website LINK

^{**}The AMH Data Strategy as well as other strategy documents can be found on the DHB Website LINK

How AMH Tier 3 Practices Access Glidepath Payments

Attestation

AMH Tier 3 practices (NPI+Location) attest to meeting the eligibility in NCTracks. The Glidepath attestation will be located under the NCTracks provider portal and will be available for use by March 2021. Practices only need to attest once.

- Attest by 5:00 PM ET on 3/30: Receive payments for April, May and June
- Attest by 5:00 PM ET on 4/27: Receive payments for May and June
- Attest by 5:00 PM ET on 5/26: Receive payment for June only

Validation

The Department will validate practices' attestations, including by:

- Validating that practices are actively enrolled with the Department as AMH Tier 3 practices
- Using inbound Health Plans reports to validate that AMH practices have contracted with at least 2 Health Plans at a Tier 3 level and have completed testing requirements.

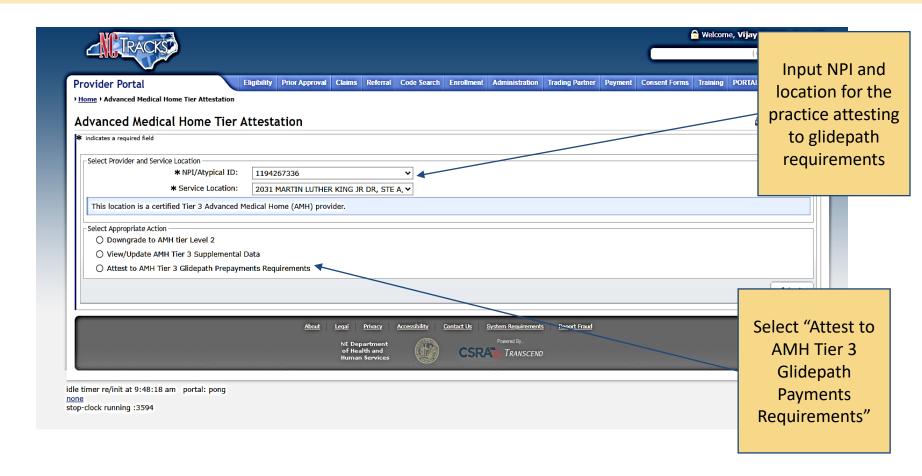
The Department will conduct validations prior to initiating payments to newly-attested practices each month.

Payment

The Department will issue \$8.51 PMPM payments to practices as an addition to practices' Carolina Access payments. The payments will be based on the same attributed patient population as the Carolina Access payments.

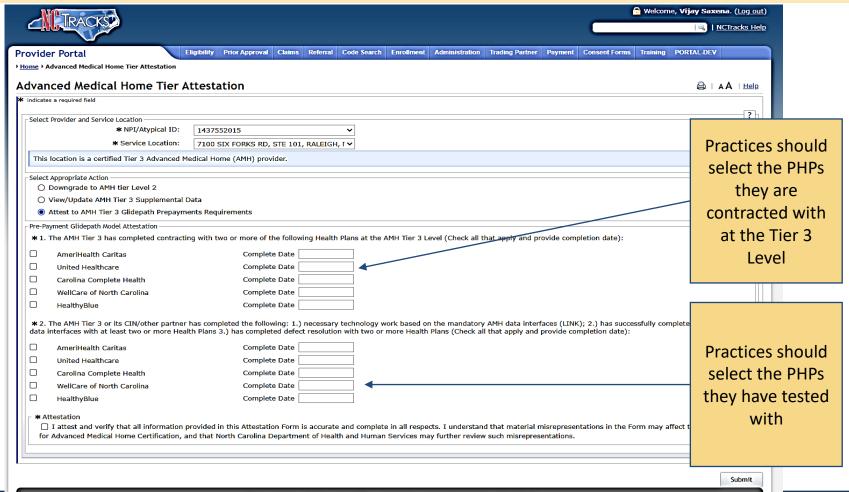
Glidepath Attestation

The AMH Tier 3 Glidepath Attestation is part of an updated set of AMH functionalities within the provider portal in NCTRACKS.



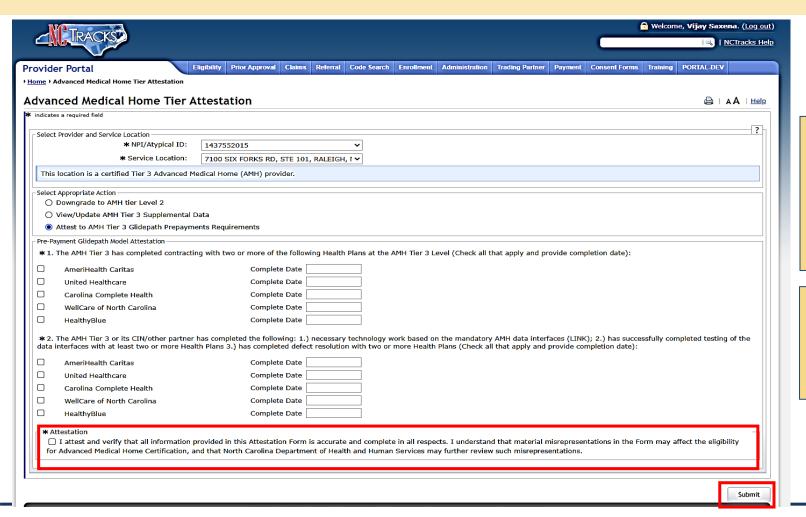
Glidepath Attestation

To attest, practices select the Health Plans with which they have contracted at a Tier 3 level, the date on which contracts were completed, the Health Plans with which they have completed data testing, and the date on which testing was completed



Glidepath Attestation

After completing the contracting and data testing sections, the practice will check the attestation box and click "Submit" to complete attestation.



Note: Each practice is responsible for attesting on its own behalf: there is no pathway for CIN-level attestation.

Note: PHPs that Practices Test With Should be those that they are contracted with Healthy Opportunities
Screening, Assessment and
Referral (HOSAR)
Temporary Payments

Healthy Opportunities Screening, Assessment and Referral Payment (HOSAR) Overview

Effective January 1, 2021, NC Medicaid and NC Health Choice is <u>temporarily</u> covering **Healthy Opportunities screenings** to encourage providers to gain capacity for screening Medicaid beneficiaries for unmet health-related resource needs and referring them to appropriate community-based resources, prior to the launch of Medicaid managed care.

Current Carolina Access (CAII) providers are eligible to bill code **G9919** for positive healthy opportunities screenings conducted using the Department's standardized screening questions. Coverage of this code will continue through June 30, 2021; continued coverage after managed care launch will be at the discretion of the Health Plans.

Please see DHHS website for more information about HOSAR:

https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/blog/2021/02/01/temporary-clinical-policy-modifications-payment-healthy-opportunities-screening-and

HOSAR Screening Requirements

- To claim reimbursement for positive Healthy Opportunities screenings under the HOSAR payment program, providers completed the screening using the Department's standard screening questions or an equivalent instrument with similar questions covering beneficiary needs related to the Department's four priority domains:
 - Food insecurity
 - Housing instability
 - Lack of transportation
 - Interpersonal violence
- Providers may perform the screening on paper or use screening questions integrated into their EHR



DHHS Standardized Screening Questions

Goals

- Routine identification of unmet health-related resource needs
- Longer term goal: statewide collection of uniform data on Healthy Opportunities

Development of the Questions

- Technical Advisory Group in 2017
- Public Comment and Field Testing in 18 clinical sites in 2018
- Released January 2019
- Translated into 7 languages

Standard screening questions are available at

https://www.ncdhhs.gov/about/ department-initiatives/healthyopportunities/screeningquestions

	Yes	No
Food	res	INO
Within the past 12 months, did you worry that your food would run out before you got money to buy more?		
Within the past 12 months, did the food you bought just not last and you didn't have money to get more?		
Housing/ Utilities		
3. Within the past 12 months, have you ever stayed: outside, in a car, in a tent, in an overnight shelter, or temporarily in someone else's home (i.e. couch-surfing)?		
4. Are you worried about losing your housing?		
5. Within the past 12 months, have you been unable to get utilities (heat, electricity) when it was really needed?		
Transportation		
6. Within the past 12 months, has a lack of transportation kept you from medical appointments or from doing things needed for daily living?		
Interpersonal Safety		
7. Do you feel physically or emotionally unsafe where you currently live?		
8. Within the past 12 months, have you been hit, slapped, kicked or otherwise physically hurt by anyone?		
9. Within the past 12 months, have you been humiliated or emotionally abused by anyone?		
Optional: Immediate Need		
10. Are any of your needs urgent? For example, you don't have food for tonight, you don't have a place to sleep tonight, you are afraid you will get hurt if you go home today.		
11. Would you like help with any of the needs that you have identified?		

HOSAR Eligibility

Eligible providers may bill G9919 between January 1, 2021 and June 30, 2021 to claim reimbursement for <u>positive</u> Healthy Opportunities screenings for unmet resource needs.

Providers

- Reimbursement under this new code is limited to Carolina Access II (CAII) providers
- Physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, nurse midwives, or designated staff may bill the code.

Beneficiaries

- Eligible providers may bill the Healthy Opportunities screening code for any Medicaid beneficiary receiving a positive Healthy Opportunities screening.
- Recipients of screenings are not required to be assigned to the CAII practice conducting the screening.

Positive screenings are screenings with one or more "yes" answers in at least one of the four Healthy Opportunities domains

HOSAR Billing Guidance

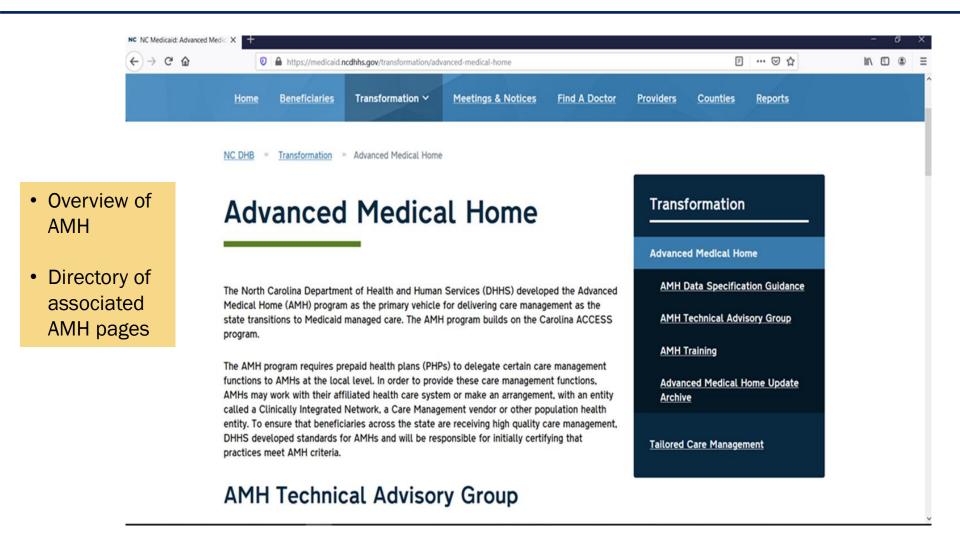
Providers will receive \$29 - 43 per positive Healthy Opportunities screen, depending on facility type. To receive reimbursement, CAII providers should follow the guidance below when submitting claims for code C9919.

- CAll providers may bill this code up to **once per 30-day period per patient** receiving a positive Healthy Opportunities screening

 Providers may bill this code as part of **in-person or telehealth visits**
 - When submitting claims for this code, providers are encouraged to **include one or more Z codes** indicating the reason for the positive screen (see Appendix for list of codes)
 - Providers are strongly encouraged to refer patients to community resources to address their needs.
 - Providers are encouraged to use NCCARE360 to conduct screenings and make referrals to resources to meet beneficiaries' unmet resource needs.

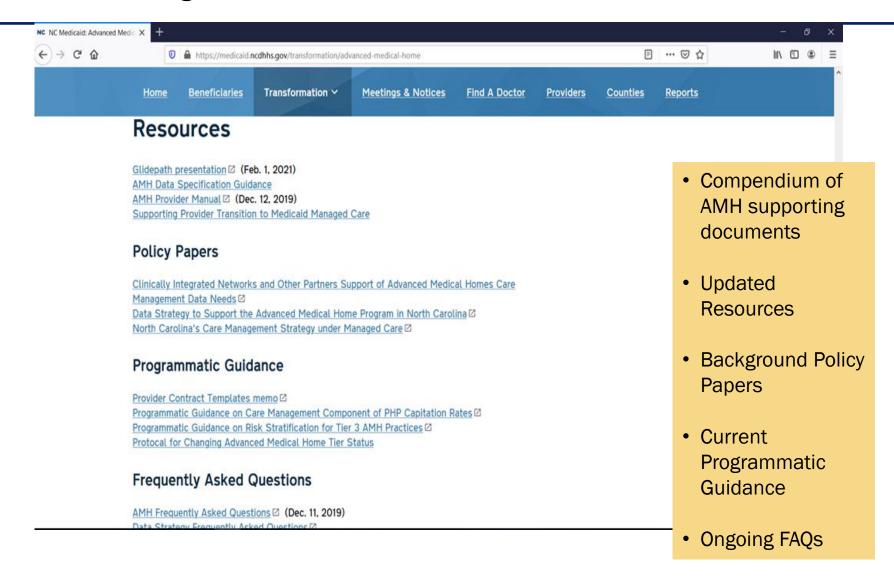
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AMH Main Page

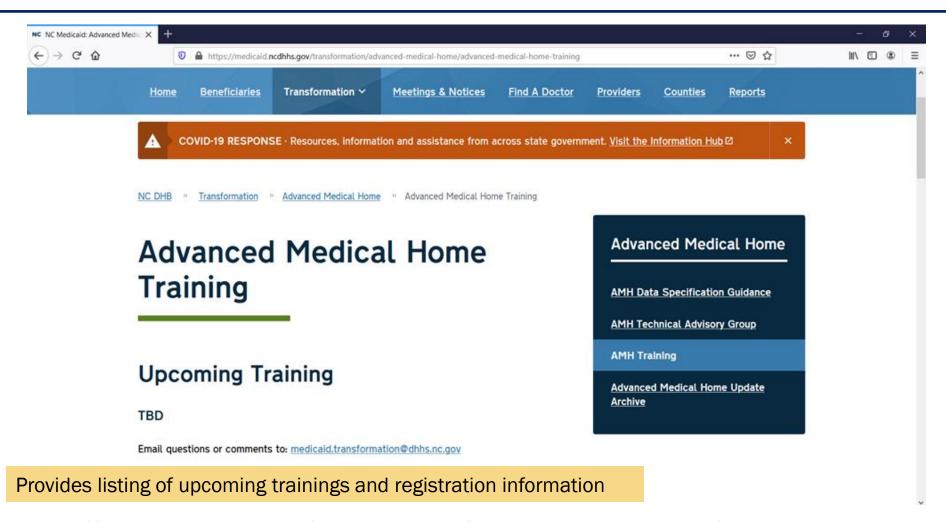


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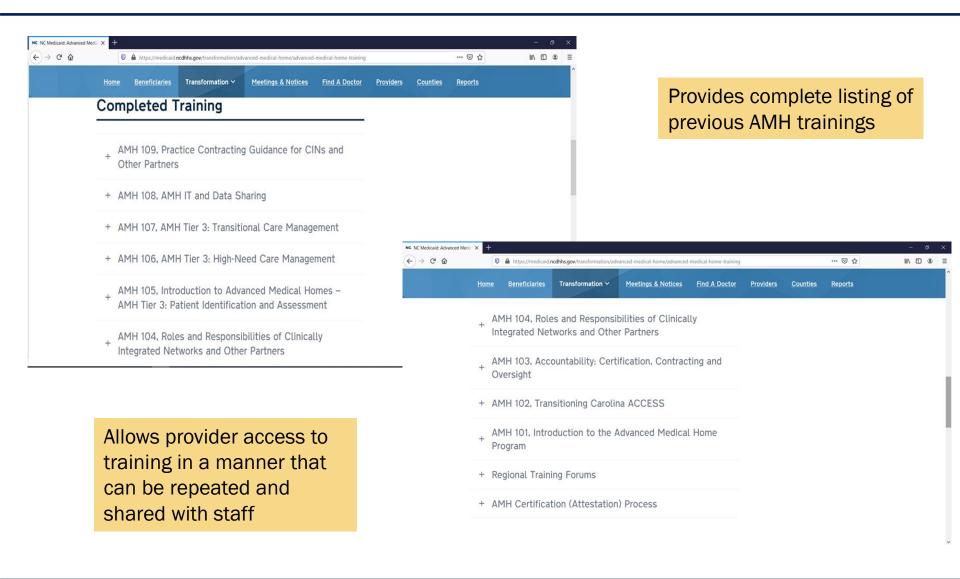


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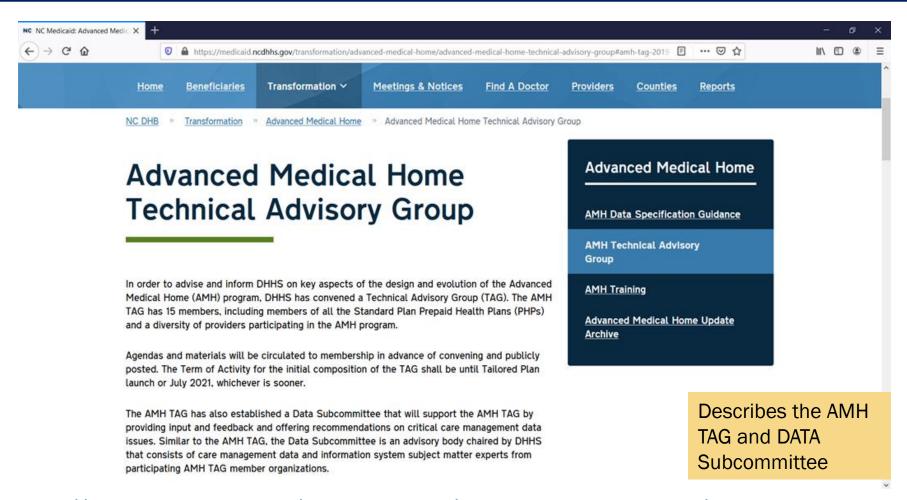


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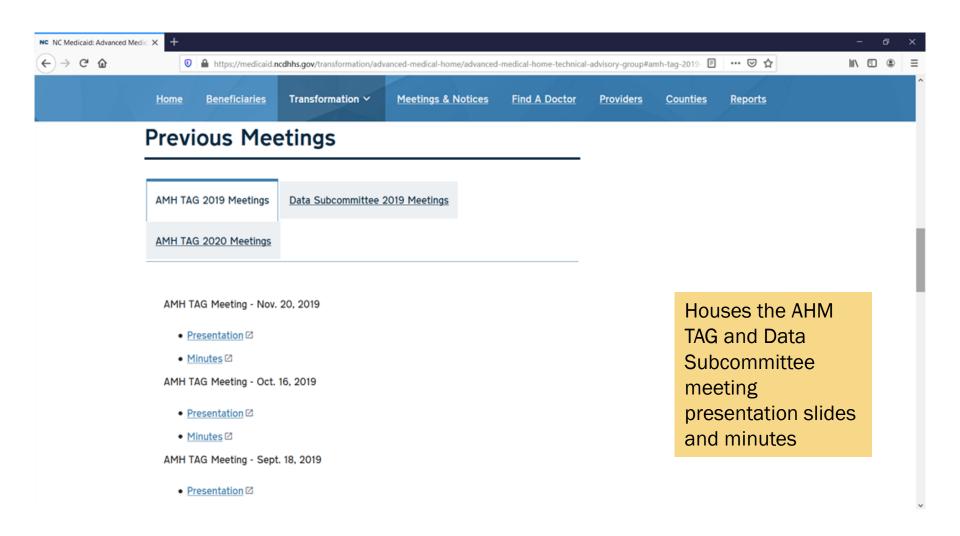


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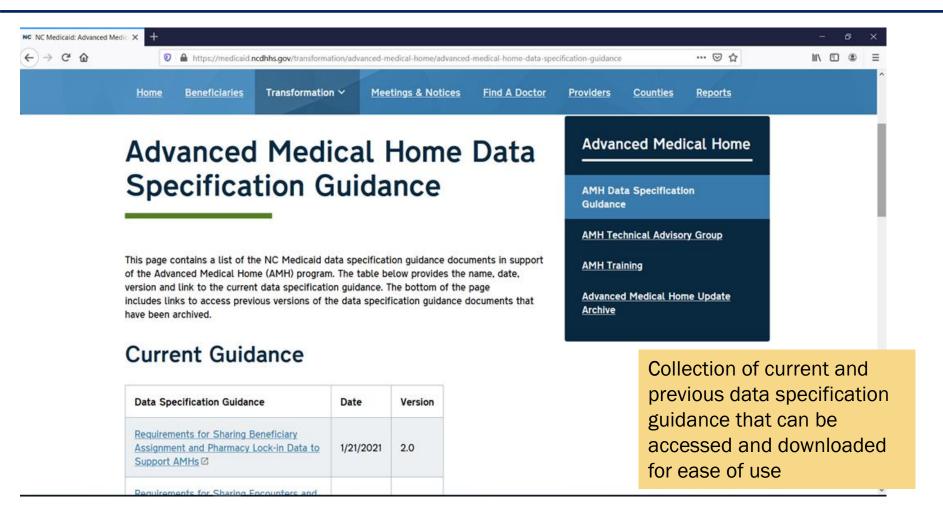


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AMH TAG Page Cont.



AMH Data Guidance Page



https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/transformation/advanced-medical-home/advanced-medical-home-data-specification-guidance

Updated AMH Provider Manual

AMH Provider Manual 2.0

The Department is currently updating the AMH provider manual to reflect changes in AMH program policy since the publication of the previous version of the manual. The manual will not contain new policy but will consolidate requirements into one document.

Key updates to the manual

- Clarification of Year 1 AMH performance metrics and guidance on AMH performance incentive payments
- Consolidated guidance on data exchange between Health Plans and AMH practices (and/or their CINs/other partners) in Year 1, including expectations for AMH providers around sharing the Patient Risk List with Health Plans
- Consolidated guidance on AMH attestation and Tier changes
- Overview of supports available to AMH practices in Year 1 of managed care

The updated manual will be available later this month on the Department's AMH webpage:

https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/transformation/advanced-medical-home

AMH Technical Advisory Group (TAG)

AMH TAG Overview

The AMH TAG helps North Carolina Medicaid make informed policy decisions on the development of the AMH program

What is the AMH TAG?

- An advisory body chaired by DHHS and consisting of a group of approximately fifteen (15) invited representatives from PHPs, AMH practices, and other AMH stakeholders including CINs
- The AMH TAG weighs in on **strategic and policy issues** in the AMH program and develops **recommendations** for North Carolina Medicaid's consideration.

Topics for the AMH TAG

Sample AMH TAG Topics

The TAG covers critical AMH design elements, such as:

- Capturing and reporting quality measures and metrics, which will have significant implications on other program areas, such as value-based payments
- ✓ Oversight and evaluation, including evaluation of reported issues and whether or not they represent a program design flaw
- ✓ How the Department should best communicate new policies or guidance to the field
- ✓ How the AMH program will impact and/or interact with other Medicaid transformation initiatives, such as BH I/DD tailored plan design and implementation

Topics Outside of the TAG Purview

- X Program grievances or grievances between providers and PHPs
- X Provider education and training
- X Operational issues that do not impact the success of the AMH program or are specific to individual practices

AMH TAG Meetings

- While TAG membership is by invitation only, all TAG meetings are open to the public. Slides and summaries from TAG meetings are posted to the AMH TAG webpage following each meeting.
- The AMH TAG meets approximately every other month. The next AMH TAG meeting will be in late March.
 - A separate, data-focused group, the AMH TAG Data Subcommittee, will meet on alternate months to provide feedback and offer recommendations on care management data issues.



 For information on attending future TAG meetings and to access materials from previous TAG meetings, visit https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/transformation/advanced-medical-home-technical-advisory-group#data-subcommittee-2019-meetings

AMH TAG Data Subcommittee Overview

What is the AMH Data TAG?

- An advisory body chaired by DHHS and consisting of care management data and information system subject matter experts from participating AMH TAG member organizations
- The AMH Data TAG supports the AMH TAG by providing input, feedback and recommendations on critical care management data issues.

Questions from the Field

Questions gathered from providers by AHEC AMH Coaches

- Is it one attestation for all three milestone dates or one for each?
 - Providers will only need to meet requirements and attest to one date, (March, April or May). Attesting earlier positions practices to receive more glidepath payments.
- Where can I validate my AMH Tier status? Can I still attest for AMH Tier 3 status if I'm not currently a Tier 3?
 - If you are an enrolled Medicaid practice, AMH tier status can be validated through NC
 Tracks Provider portal and yes, you can still attest for AMH Tier 3 status
- Does a AMH Tier 3 practice have to attest to the Glidepath Payments or can the CIN attest on my behalf?
 - The Tier 3 Practice must attest by NPI and Location
- Do I have to contract with the same health plans that I test with in order to receive glidepath payments?
 - AMH Tier 3 practices and/or their CINs should be testing with health plans that the AMH
 Tier 3 is contracted with, and attest as such

Next Steps and Additional Information

On February 1, 2021, the Department published guidance on the AMH Tier 3 glidepath. Guidance is available at: https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/blog/2021/02/01/advanced-medical-home-tier-3-%E2%80%9Cglidepath%E2%80%9D-payments

Glidepath attestation will be available on NC Tracks on March 1, 2021. Eligible practices that are interested in receiving glidepath payments starting in April should complete attestation by 5:00 PM ET on March 30, 2021.

Q & A

Enter questions using the Q&A function within Zoom Webinar

Send additional questions to:

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 Upcoming: Any questions not addressed during the webinar will be added to the FAQs for publication on the AMH Training Webpage