



## Champion E-Correspondence

September 2014

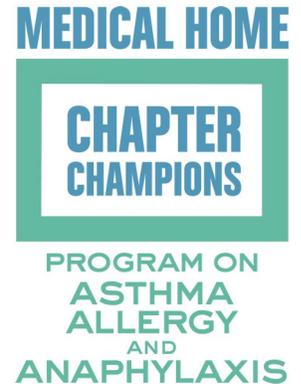
*This is an e-mail communication related to the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) "Medical Home Chapter Champions Program on Asthma, Allergy and Anaphylaxis." It is designed to provide AAP Medical Home Chapter Champions with resources, as well as current clinical and other information. The Champion E-Correspondence is sent on a monthly basis. Feel free to share the Champion E-Correspondence with colleagues. Distribution information appears at the end of this newsletter.*

### Project Updates

#### **Medical Home Chapter Champions Program on Asthma, Allergy and Anaphylaxis**

Greetings from Elk Grove Village, Illinois! We are pleased to re-launch the **Champion E-Correspondence** for the [Medical Home Chapter Champions Program on Asthma, Allergy and Anaphylaxis](#). For the next two years, the American Academy of Pediatrics Medical Home Chapter Champions Program on Asthma, Allergy and Anaphylaxis, through generous support from the

[Allergy & Asthma Network Mothers of Asthmatics](#) (AANMA), will be expanding to improve allergy and anaphylaxis care for children in the medical home, in addition to asthma care. The program will also provide continued support for the education and training of chapter champions and will allow for the coordination and implementation of quality improvement activities as well as a focus on advocacy and policy.

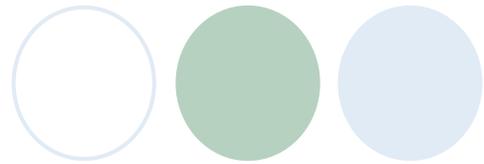


### Upcoming Events

- ◆ Webinar: [Management and Prevention of Pediatric Influenza in Healthcare Settings](#), September 18, 11am PT/12pm MT/1pm CT/2pm ET
- ◆ Webinar: [Managing Pediatric Asthma and High Risk Patients](#), September 23, 9am PT/10am MT/11am CT/12pm ET
- ◆ MEDtalk: [Pediatric Asthma and Transforming Care for the Most Vulnerable](#), September 24, 7:30am PT/8:30am MT/9:30am CT/10:30am ET
- ◆ [State of the Art Treatment of Asthma in Mississippi Kids](#), September 26, Ridgeland, MS
- ◆ [NASHP 27th Annual State Health Policy Conference](#), October 6-8, Atlanta, GA
- ◆ [AAP National Conference & Exhibition](#), October 11-14, San Diego, CA
- ◆ [Patient-Centered Primary Care: At the Heart of Value and Quality](#), November 12-14, Washington, DC

### AAP National Conference and Exhibition Events of Note

- ◆ [Understanding and Applying the Newest Guidelines for Food Allergy](#), October 11, 7am PT
- ◆ [Dealing with Common Allergy Conundrums in the Pediatrician's Office](#), October 11, 4pm PT
- ◆ [Telehealth, Home Care and the Medical Home: New Modalities in the Care of Children with Medical Complexity](#), October 12, 12pm PT
- ◆ [When Microbes Meet Allergic Disease](#), October 12, 1pm PT
- ◆ [Appropriate Recognition and Management of Anaphylaxis](#), October 13, 8:30am PT
- ◆ [High Quality Care for Children with Asthma: Strengthening the Case for the Medical Home Model](#), October 13, 4pm PT
- ◆ [Asthma and Allergy Gadgets of Interest to Pediatricians](#), October 13, 4pm PT
- ◆ [AANMA Chapter Champions Reception](#), October 13, 7pm PT
- ◆ [Addressing Health Disparities in Inner City Latino Children with Asthma: The Children's RESPIRA Education Program](#), October 14, 12:30pm PT



### Reports

#### ***A View from the Other Side of the Room***

Written by Tom Tonniges, MD, FAAP, this reflective and insightfully written [article](#) (page 26) is a good reminder of the key tenets and important aspects of patient-centered care. Dr Tonniges worked at the American Academy of Pediatrics from 1995-2005, during which time he was instrumental in developing and operationalizing medical home concepts and practices for pediatrics; he was a leader in the national movement focused on developing approaches to solve pediatric problems at the community level by integrating medical care and public health.

#### ***Instant Replay — A Quarterback's View of Care Coordination***

This [article](#) offers a physician's account of care coordination and emphasizing its contributions to overall good medical outcomes. It also outlines the importance of developing good care coordination in the care and management of patients in current medical practice.

#### ***Making Sense of Childhood Asthma: Lessons for Building a Better System of Care***

This [report](#), developed by the Urban Institute, summarizes key findings from a study about asthma care for African American and Latino children from families with low incomes.

#### ***The Impact of Integrating Community Health Workers into the Patient-Centered Medical Home***

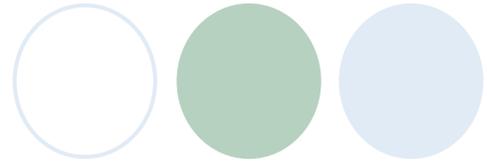
This [case study](#), published in *Journal of Primary Care & Community Health*, was conducted to examine the integration of 8 Community Health Workers (CHW) into 5 Patient-Centered Medical Homes (PCMH) in an academic medical center located in a large, urban setting. Data associated with referrals to CHW practice-based education and support, and to a care coordination program, were collected and analyzed over the study period. Survey results from providers on the impact of CHW in PCMH, were also collected and analyzed. More than 750 families of children with asthma received education and support from CHW from February 2011 through December 2013. The authors conclude that CHW can be successfully integrated into the PCMH care team. They may also impact the identification of high-risk populations for care coordination and delivery of comprehensive care.

#### ***Annual Medicaid Costs for Pediatric Asthma-related ED Visits Topped \$270 Million***

This [article](#), based on research presented in *State-Based Medicaid Costs for Pediatric Asthma Emergency Department Visits*, reports that emergency department (ED) visits for the treatment of asthma in children cost state Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Programs (CHIP) \$272 million in 2010. On January 1, 2014, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) expanded payment rules. State Medicaid and CHIP programs can now reimburse community health workers and certified asthma educators for providing preventive asthma care. Previously, CMS had allowed states to define the types of settings in which care could be provided. These two changes have the potential to reduce the severity of asthma in children enrolled in Medicaid and CHIP, improve child health, and reduce costs related to the treatment of asthma.

#### ***Comanagement of Medically Complex Children by Subspecialists, Generalists, and Care Coordinators***

This [study\\*](#) published in *Pediatrics*, examined issues of access to subspecialists across North Carolina. North Carolina Child Health Accountable Care Collaborative (CHACC) was established in 2012 to address the health care needs of children enrolled in Medicaid. Care coordination is an integral part of health reform activities, including many Medicare programs. The CHACC appears to use a unique approach of targeting higher-cost pediatric Medicaid patients and placing specialty care managers in tertiary children's services. The CHACC is developing concise guidelines to aid primary care providers in the care of children with common pediatric conditions often referred prematurely or unnecessarily to pediatric subspecialists. Community Care of North Carolina serves North Carolina Medicaid beneficiaries through a statewide, community-based public-private partnership, by providing care through medical homes using population management approaches to improve care and contain costs.



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### Reports (continued)

#### **Survey Reveals American Perception of Provider Quality in the US**

This [article](#) highlights a survey conducted by the Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research that queried Americans about their perception of quality and cost of health care in the United States. Funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, this nationally represented survey focused on how Americans perceive health care provider quality, how accessible quality information is, and whether there is a connection between quality and cost. Key findings include many Americans basing their perception of the quality of their provider on provider personality traits and their relationship with their provider rather than on actual health outcomes. Additionally, many Americans favor public quality data, but are not accessing data that is readily available. The results of the study are viewed as actionable steps health care providers can take to improve the access and perception of provider quality in the United States.

#### **Effectiveness of an Asthma Quality Improvement Program Designed for Maintenance of Certification**

This [article](#)\* published in *Pediatrics*, describes an asthma project designed to meet recertification requirements and improve asthma care. Practice-based registries of children 5 to 17 years of age with persistent asthma were developed and physicians were supported to improve processes of asthma care through education, data feedback, and sharing of best practices.

\*subscription based articles require member ID to access

### Resources

#### **Access to Online Care Coordination Curriculum**

Care coordination addresses family-centered care, calls for partnership across systems, and emphasizes quality and cost outcomes. The [Pediatric Care Coordination Curriculum](#) is a free online resource that helps practices apply the recommendations in the new AAP policy [Patient- and Family-Centered Care Coordination: A Framework for Integrating Care for Children and Youth Across Multiple Systems](#). Most of the curriculum content is universally relevant, but it can be adapted and customized for each practice or scenario.

#### **Family-centered Care Resources for Pediatric Clinicians**

Family-to-Family Health Information Centers (F2F HICs) are non-profit, family-staffed organizations that help families of children and youth with special health care needs (CYSHCN) and the professionals who serve them. Connecting with F2F HICs can help pediatricians and other pediatric clinicians to better assist patients, families and caregivers with the navigation of services and systems for CYSHCN. To find out more about your state's F2F HIC, [click here](#).

#### **Patient-Centered Primary Care Collaborative Is Mapping the Medical Home Movement!**

The Patient-Centered Primary Care Collaborative (PCPCC) is excited to announce the launch of its [Primary Care Innovations and Patient-Centered Medical Home Map!](#) This new online resource captures the extensive work and commitment of nearly 500 public and private initiatives nationwide that are working to improve the United States health care system through enhanced primary care and the patient-centered medical home. The map is unique in its breadth, depth and convenience, collecting information on medical home initiatives across multiple programs, payers, and commercial and public health plans. Although this tool does not currently map individual medical home clinics, practices or centers, it allows users an opportunity to identify where medical homes are becoming a standard of care in commercial and public sector health plans.

#### **Medical Home Chapter Champions Program on Asthma, Allergy and Anaphylaxis**

We regularly update the program [website](#) with resources that might be useful to champions. Be sure to check out our website!



### Resources (continued)

#### **Advancing the Pediatric Medical Home Model: New Resource from NCMHI**

The National Center for Medical Home Implementation (NCMHI), in collaboration with the National Academy for State Health Policy, is working to provide the most up-to-date information about exceptional state public health programs advancing the medical home model in pediatric populations. Profiles designed to highlight how public health programs are implementing and advancing the medical home model in pediatric populations are available for [Vermont](#), [Colorado](#), [Alabama](#) and [Oregon](#). As profiles are developed for additional states, they will be shared with you via this e-newsletter.

#### **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention protects the health and safety of people by providing credible information to enhance health decisions, and promotes health through strong partnerships with other organizations. Visit their website to find helpful resources on [asthma basics, statistics and surveillance, and interventions](#), as well as [food allergy](#).

**Webinar Recording:** [Back to School with Asthma](#), September 9, 2014

### Ways to Engage

#### **Seeking Volunteers: AAP Asthma Mobile Application**

The American Academy of Pediatrics is developing, testing, and deploying a mobile-based technological intervention with the aim to strengthen and improve older children and adolescents' adherence and compliance with asthma care plans. The application will include functions that promote and strengthen self-management skills including the following: video clips demonstrating proper use of inhalers and nebulizers, access to individualized asthma action plans, including symptom/trigger diaries, tools to measure symptom severity, access to current patient education information, asthma control testing, and medication reminders.

Pediatrician volunteers are being sought to test the application with approximately 10 current asthma patients over a 2 month period as well as complete brief surveys before and after the period.

If you are interested in participating in this pilot group or have any questions, please contact Mark Ruthman, Manager Electronic Product Development, at [MRuthman@aap.org](mailto:MRuthman@aap.org) or 800/433-9016, ext. 7640. Please let Mark know if you are interested in participating by October 31, 2014.

#### **Take some time to talk about e-cigarettes!**

The AAP Julius B. Richmond Center of Excellence is seeking practicing pediatricians, sub-specialists, residents, and fellows to participate in focus groups at the upcoming 2014 AAP National Conference and Exhibition in San Diego, CA. Discussions will focus on electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes) and other electronic nicotine delivery systems (ENDS). Share your knowledge and perceptions of these products and your experiences discussing them in practice. Information gained from these focus groups will be used in the development of clinical resources.

Focus groups will be held at the following dates and times:

Sunday October 12, 8:30-10am or 12:30-2pm PT

Monday October 13, 8:30-10am or 12:30-2pm PT

Participants will receive a \$50 gift card as a thank you for their time. To learn more about these groups or to reserve your spot, please contact Kristen Kaseeska at [kkaseeska@aap.org](mailto:kkaseeska@aap.org) or 800/433-9016, ext.4269.



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### Ways to Engage (continued)

#### Assessing Medical Home and Head Start Collaborations

As the administrative lead for the Head Start National Center on Health, the AAP is committed to enhancing collaboration between the medical home and Head Start/Early Head Start programs. The first step in that process is understanding the types of collaborations currently taking place. Take a moment to share your experiences by clicking [here](#).

### In the News...

- ◆ [Pediatric Asthma Protocol Yields Fewer Readmissions](#)
- ◆ [Dietary Counseling Can Improve Nutrition in Children with Food Allergies](#)
- ◆ [Medical Home Update: Alaska Launches Patient-Centered Medical Home Pilot](#)
- ◆ [Experts Release Guidelines on Asthma Management](#)
- ◆ [Respiratory Illness Strikes Children Across the US](#)

### Chapter Champions Call to Action

Contact your [chapter leadership](#) today and share [information](#) about the Medical Home Chapter Champions Program on Asthma, Allergy and Anaphylaxis. Let your leadership know that you are here to serve as a resource!



The AAP [Medical Home Chapter Champions Program on Asthma, Allergy and Anaphylaxis](#) staff provides this e-mail update to the Academy's Medical Home Chapter Champions, other interested AAP members, and staff. For additional information on medical home, visit the [National Center for Medical Home Implementation Web site](#). All comments and inquiries can be sent to Nkem Chineme at [nchineme@aap.org](mailto:nchineme@aap.org) or 800/433-9016, ext 4342. If you would like to unsubscribe to the Champions E-Correspondence, contact Nkem Chineme.