



# MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

(Revised: 09/23/13)

## Board Clerk Use Only

Meeting Date: 12.12.13  
Agenda Item #: R.8  
Est. Start Time: 10:45 am  
Date Submitted: 11/22/13

**Agenda Title:** Board Briefing on The Alternative Payment Methodology (APM) pilot project.

*Note: Title should not be more than 2 lines but be sufficient to describe the action requested.*

<b>Requested Meeting Date:</b>	December 12, 2013	<b>Time Needed:</b>	45 minutes
<b>Department:</b>	MCHD	<b>Division:</b>	Business Ops / ICS
<b>Contact(s):</b>	Nancy Jackson		
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<b>I/O Address:</b>			
<b>Presenter Name(s) &amp; Title(s):</b>	Joanne Fuller, Interim Director, MCHD; Wendy Lear, Director Business Operations; Vanetta Abdellatif, Director Integrated Clinical Services		

## General Information

- 1. What action are you requesting from the Board?** No action required as this is an informational briefing.
- 2. Please provide sufficient background information for the Board and the public to understand this issue. Please note which Program Offer this action affects and how it impacts the results.** The Alternative Payment Methodology (APM) pilot project will move the Health Department's, FQHC reimbursement method away from payment for patient visits (volume) to payment for overall patient health. APM provides per member per month (pmpm) payment based on patient assignment and engagement. MCHD clinics are expected to adopt this system in April 2014. APM allows operational flexibility to achieve the triple aim and will improve cash flow as providers will be paid up front for their assigned patients. However APM does not increase overall funding for the health department. APM also increases risk for providers as clients must be assigned and engaged in order for payment to be made. With Medicaid expansion underway we expect competition for insured patients from other health systems so we need to maintain high quality care and increase patient engagement efforts.
- 3. Explain the fiscal impact (current year and ongoing).** Informational briefing only.
- 4. Explain any legal and/or policy issues involved.** Moving from fee for service (FFS) to global payment (per member per month payment) supports Health Department efforts at achieving the triple aim. Overlap between the APM pilot project and Medicaid expansion increases competition among primary care providers requiring increased patient outreach and engagement efforts.

**5. Explain any citizen and/or other government participation that has or will take place.**

The OPCA is heading up the pilot project and efforts are being coordinated with the Oregon Health Authority as well. MCHD is also working closing with primary payers including CCOs, Health Share of Oregon and Family Care. The Community Health Council will participate in the process of changing reimbursement method and preparing for changes especially as they affect patients.

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**Required Signature**

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**Elected Official**

**or Department/**

**Agency Director:**

Joanne Fuller /s/

11/22/13

**Date:**

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