



Alabama Coordinated Health Network (ACHN)

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ACHN Guiding Principles

- Pay for activity, not membership
- Focus on care management and health outcomes
- Redirect current expenditures to better achieve desired outcomes

7 ACHN Regions

- Do not take on full financial risk
- Do not pay providers (Medicaid will pay providers directly)
- Are responsible for a care coordination system in one pre-defined region
- Are incentivized along with Primary Care Providers for better health outcomes
- Are incentivized to provide a higher volume of care coordination services
- Have clinical and administrative incentive metrics focused on ambulatory care
- Are led by key staff including an executive director, quality care manager, care coordination supervisor, pharmacists and a part-time medical director
- The ACHN can coordinate transportation needs for assigned recipients, as needed



ACHN Governing Boards

- Has governing boards based on the following rules:
 - ◇ 50 percent of the board (regardless of size) must be primary care physicians (including at least one OB-GYN) who practice in the region and participate with the ACHN. Up to two of these primary care physicians can be employed by a hospital.
 - ◇ In-region Hospitals (2 slots)
 - ◇ Community Mental Health Center Representative (1 slot)
 - ◇ Substance Abuse Treatment Facility Representative (1 slot)
 - ◇ Consumer Representative (e.g. Recipient, Parent of Recipient or Advocacy Organization Representative) (1 slot)
 - ◇ Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) Representative (1 slot)
- Consumer Advisory Committees are established for each ACHN. Governing boards are required to hear from CACs at each governing board meeting.

Populations/Regions

- Seven pre-defined regions with one ACHN in each region.
- The ACHN serves the General Medicaid Population (formerly Patient 1st), maternity care population, and the Plan First population.
 - ◇ Included Populations: Children, Pregnant Women, Aged/Blind/Disabled and Plan First recipients
 - ◇ Excluded groups: Medicare/Medicaid (dual eligible)
 - ◇ Optional Groups: Breast and Cervical Cancer recipients; Native Americans

Quality Improvement/Data

- Quality improvement projects focus on population priorities, such as:
 - ◆ Substance Abuse
 - ◆ Infant Mortality
 - ◆ Obesity and Obesity Prevention
- Metrics and benchmarks focus on items under control of the ACHN and primary care physicians, such as:
 - ◆ Well child visits
 - ◆ Immunization rates
 - ◆ BMI measurements
 - ◆ Substance abuse care coordination
 - ◆ Prenatal and post-partum care
 - ◆ Case management (targeted population programs, standardized specialist support, provider supports, and public health initiatives)
- The Agency generates data to guide and support care coordination activities.

Payment/Reimbursement

- Payment to ACHNs is a combination of A, B, and C:
 - A. PMPM payment for Quality Improvement activities. this payment funds quality improvement projects.
 - B. Payment for specific care coordination services delivered (This payment is based on the complexity/level of activity provided during a month for the recipients).
 - C. Additional bonus payments are possible based on achieving certain quality metrics.
 - D. Each region has a maximum budget based on the number of Medicaid Eligibles living in the region and the volume of care coordination services provided. The budget will include financial considerations for those regions that are more rural.
- Payments to physicians are tiered and based on service.
- Starting October 1, 2019, primary care patients may see any Medicaid Primary Care Physician; some restrictions apply to maternity care recipients.
- Primary Care Physician payment methodology is based on achievements. View the presentation on ACHN participation to learn more: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lmy41YyShwE&feature=youtu.be>

ACHN Information and Contacts

- ACHN contact information for providers is available on the Agency website (ACHN Regional Map): https://medicaid.alabama.gov/documents/5.0_Managed_Care/5.1_ACHN/5.1.3_ACHN_Providers/5.1.3_ACHN%20_Regional_Map_Contacts_Revised_9-3-19.pdf
- Beginning October 1, 2019, Medicaid recipients may call the toll free number for their region listed under the **ACHN Recipients** tab: https://medicaid.alabama.gov/documents/5.0_Managed_Care/5.1_ACHN/5.1.2_ACHN_Recipients/5.1.2_ACHN_Recipient_Contacts-8-26-19.pdf
- Visit www.Medicaid.Alabama.gov and select the **ACHN tab**, **ACHN Providers** link to view detailed information and presentations.