



Opioid Health Homes Initial Pay-for Performance Benchmark Announcement

In August 2022, MaineCare introduced a Pay-for-Performance (P4P) provision within the Opioid Health Home (OHH) model. The resulting performance measures represent core expectations of team-based, whole-person care for individuals Opioid Use Disorder (OUD).

- **Continuity of Pharmacotherapy for OUD** – Assesses gaps in pharmacotherapy treatment of OUD.
- **Community Engagement** – Assesses member engagement in employment, volunteering, education, parenting, etc. as a recovery support.
- **Access to Preventive and Ambulatory Care** – Assesses members utilization of primary care services.

This provision will be adapted over time as the Maine Department of Health and Human Services, stakeholders, and OHH providers collaboratively assess performance and identify areas of focus to improve the value of OHH services.

The initial roll-out of P4P utilizes two benchmarks (see below) which represent the composite score of the above performance measures. These baseline benchmarks are based on data from OHH providers *before* the new P4P provision was effective.¹ OHH providers should expect to see benchmark expectations increase over time.

Available data for benchmarks demonstrates considerable variability in performance by OHH provider organizations. The Department will provide regular data reports, collaborate with OHH providers, and utilize other data sources or evidence-based materials to support quality improvement and identify and address identified health disparities.

The “minimum performance threshold” is a composite score of **27%**.

- When an OHH provider meets this minimum, they will receive the balance of their full OHH reimbursement (the remaining 4% of the rate).

The “excellence performance threshold” is a composite score of **34%**.

- When an OHH provider meets this threshold, they are *eligible* to receive a bonus payment, when funding is available. Eligible funding is dependent on how many OHHs, if any, are below the minimum performance threshold thereby releasing funds for higher performers.

See [MBM, Chapter III, Section 93, Opioid Health Home Services](#) for a full description of the pay-for-performance measures and methodology, including how benchmarks are established.

¹ Using an assessment period of 4/1/2021 - 3/31/2022.