



Ohio Department of Health (ODH), in partnership with the governor's Office of Health Transformation (OHT), announced on Jan. 18 that Ohio will invest \$1 million to assist 50 primary health care practices transition to the patient-centered medical home (PCMH) model of care. Participating practices have already been selected for participation in the Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH) Education Pilot under specifications outlined in H.B. 198, Ohio's medical home legislation.

The 50 practices will train medical students, nurses and medical team members how to deliver care in the new model.

H.B. 198 passed the Ohio General Assembly in 2010 but was unfunded. The \$1 Million investment comes from \$8 million OHT received as a federal bonus for signing eligible children up for Medicaid.

OAFP was actively involved in advocating for passage of the medical home bill and for 13 months served as the management agent for the PCMH Education Advisory Group, the group charged with building the project's operational infrastructure and selecting practices. OAFP transferred its administrative role to ODH's Bureau of Health Community Services and Patient-Centered Primary Care at the end of December 2011.

Among those participating in Wednesday's press conference was OAFP Board Member Randy Wexler, M.D., who practices in a PCMH in Gahanna, Ohio. OAFP member Ted Wymyslo, M.D., director of ODH, led the press conference and has been the driving force behind the state's involvement in PCMH. Also speaking during the press conference were H.B. 198 sponsor Sen. Peggy Lehner (R-Dayton), OHT Director Greg Moody and Ohio Commission on Minority Health Director Angela Cornelius Dawson.

The ODH press advisory on this announcement is available at:

<http://www.odh.ohio.gov/ASSETS/1E49D5266E65416C99B79FA0CB6B89F9/Ohio%20to%20Expand%20PCMH.pdf>

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