

# Primary Care Home Initiative

## **Purpose:**

Recognizing the benefits of increased access to health care, continuity of care, and patient-centered care, The Joint Commission is developing a Primary Care Home Initiative for its accredited Ambulatory Care customers. This Initiative will enable the improvements in quality of care and patient safety achieved through accreditation to be combined with increased reimbursement when the additional requirements of a Primary Care Home are met.

## **Approach:**

The Primary Care Home Initiative will utilize the following resources to help implement this Initiative:

- 1 A Primary Care Home Initiative Expert Panel to guide the development of future changes to ambulatory accreditation standards/elements of performance, the on-site survey process, and the “designation” process.
- 2 A broader Advisory and Resource Group to provide additional guidance and assistance in the implementation of the Initiative, including input from national state organizations, trade associations, and other interested stakeholders.
- 3 Third party payors (e.g., commercial insurance companies), and Federal and state funders (e.g. Medicare and Medicaid) to ensure the Initiative requirements reflect the principles of a Primary Care Home model.

## **Timetable:**

Implementation is anticipated for mid-2011, based on expected standards development, field testing, and release of Primary Care Home designation requirements in 2011.

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