

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Why do we need a clinically integrated network?

A: The health care landscape is shifting from a traditional model driven by *volume* of services to a new system in which providers will be paid on the *value* of services provided. With this evolutionary change in mind, CHN is transforming itself into a pediatric-focused clinically integrated network. This transformed organization will improve care coordination, identify best practices in active and ongoing management of pediatric diseases and improve the overall health of our pediatric population.

Q: What will clinical integration do for our local community and for pediatric care providers?

A: We believe that a pediatric-focused clinically integrated network will support the overall health and wellness of our pediatric populations by aligning existing CHN participating physicians, new members and other health care providers to better coordinate care and improve costs for our patients.

Q: How will the clinical integration be structured?

A: CHN will serve as the vehicle for our pediatric-clinically integrated network aligning Children's Hospital & Medical Center and its 300 affiliated and independent providers from across our region. CHN is governed by a board of directors comprised of providers and hospital executives who have been tasked with developing the right strategic direction and infrastructure to support our collaboration and implement an effective value-based care program. CHN members play a significant role in implementing this clinically integrated network through provider-led committees.

Q: What are the benefits for CHN members and independent pediatric care providers interested in joining in clinical integration?

A: A clinically integrated network provides an outstanding opportunity for CHN and its members to progress to the next level of collaboration. The network will support the overall health and wellness of our pediatric populations by aligning existing CHN participating providers, new members, and other health care providers to better coordinate care and improve costs for our patients.

Q: Who can join? How do I join? Is there a deadline?

A: Any health care provider offering pediatric care is eligible to participate in Children's Health Network (CHN). Providers can join independently or as a part of a larger practice. Providers interested in joining CHN should contact us at 800.236.2832 or email Janis Yergan at CHN@ChildrensOmaha.org. There is no deadline to join. There

is currently a membership fee of \$100 for the first year. There are no additional financial requirements to join the network.

Q: How will this change the way I practice?

A: A commitment of support, time and resources is necessary for clinical integration to be successful. Requirements include:

- Developing and using clinical guidelines
- Comply with performance measures
- Sharing information
- Implementing IT capabilities (email, high-speed internet)
- Participating on or contributing to committees
- Collaborating and promoting accountability

Q: Will participating in the network affect my current contracts or compensation? What are the financial advantages to participating in the Clinical Integration Program?

A: Joining the clinically integrated network through CHN will not affect your current contracts. CHN members will immediately have the opportunity to participate in the managed care provider network through Aetna. Members of CHN will receive support from other members in improving care coordination, identifying best practices in active and ongoing management of pediatric conditions, which positions providers to participate in value-based contracts and improves the overall health of our pediatric population.

Q: What clinical initiatives will be included? How will performance be monitored?

A: Clinical initiatives will be determined by the Clinical Management Data and IT committee. Once the initiatives are determined, CHN will work with its participants to build those performance metrics into their practice.

Q: Who can I contact for more information or if I have additional questions?

A: Please direct any questions to Janis Yergan at 800.236.2832 or CHN@ChildrensOmaha.org.