

## Patient-Centered Medical Home Meetings Continue

All three groups working on physician payment reform in Maine met this past Wednesday, September 24th in Auburn to continue their work. The Maine Coalition for the Advancement of Primary Care (formerly called the Maine Multi-Payer Pilot Patient-Centered Medical Home Planning Group) met first at 9:00 am, followed by a meeting of the PCMH Working Group at 11:00 am. In the afternoon, the Physician Payment Reform Committee, organized by the Maine Health Management Coalition, met.

The first two groups meet every month to put together a multi-payer pilot project advancing the concept of the patient-centered medical home. The groups reviewed documents establishing the PCMH Mission and Vision, and Guiding Principles. These documents will be available on the MMA website at [www.mainemed.com](http://www.mainemed.com).

Ten primary care practices are expected to participate in the pilot which could begin by early next year. Draft applications and the criteria for participation were discussed extensively at the meeting. It is anticipated that practices participating would be required to meet NCQA level one recognition standards. However, the payers have not yet agreed to participate, although the major payers are represented around the table. The payers are not expected to agree on participation until a payment model is developed and agreed to.

Lisa Letourneau, M.D., MPH is the medical consultant to the Maine Quality Forum, heading up the effort. Elizabeth Fowlie Mock, M.D. has agreed to chair the Coalition meetings. Dr. Mock is President-elect of the Maine Academy of Family Physicians. Watch the *Weekly Update* for further information regarding the development of the PCMH pilot.