

The background features several large, overlapping, colorful swirls in shades of green, purple, and blue. Scattered throughout are numerous small, yellow, triangular shapes that resemble confetti or starbursts.

# **Cheesesteaks, Hoagies and Patient Centered Primary Care**

## **What's Happening in Philly?**

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# Patient Centered Medical Home Demonstration

- Convened by the Pennsylvania Governor's Office of Health Care Reform through the Chronic Care Commission as part of Gov. Rendell's *Rx for Pennsylvania*
- Supported by all of the major health plans in Southeastern Pennsylvania
  - Aetna, Independence Blue Cross, Cigna
  - All 3 Medicaid plans
- Promoted by the primary care professional organizations (ACP, AAFP, AAP) and their PA affiliates



# How it works

- 31 Practices agree to transform into Patient Centered Medical Home practices
  - Participate in 4 Learning Collaborative sessions over 7 days
    - Delivered by MacColl Institute under contract to GOHCR
    - Learn to implement Wagner's *Chronic Care Model*
  - Use a patient registry for diabetes (adults) and asthma (peds)
    - Intent is to expand to more conditions in the future
  - Engage with practice coaches from PA *Improving Performance in Practice*
    - Assistance with nuts-and-bolts of transformation to PCMH
    - Assistance with application for NCQA designation as PCMH
  - **Achieve NCQA PPC PCMH designation at Level 1 by the end of first year**



# What practices get

- Health Plans make enhanced payments to practices in addition to existing compensation
  - \$20,095 (in the aggregate) per practice in year 1 for participating in Learning Collaborative, using registry and applying for NCQA designation
  - \$35,000 to \$80,000 per FTE physician (or NP) per year upon achievement of NCQA designation through year 3
    - Varies by practice size and PCMH Level achieved



# Some details

- GOHCR is the organizing entity
  - Establishes the schedule for enhanced payments
  - Monitors performance
  - Organizes/staffs Learning Collaborative
  - “invoices” health plans for enhanced payments due to practices
- Enhanced payments are allocated to participating health plans in direct proportion to their penetration in a given primary care practice
- 3 Year Commitment with intent to establish a common set of outcome measures to be used in a payment model in the future
- Formal evaluation to be conducted to assess clinical, financial, patient satisfaction/engagement and professional acceptance outcomes.