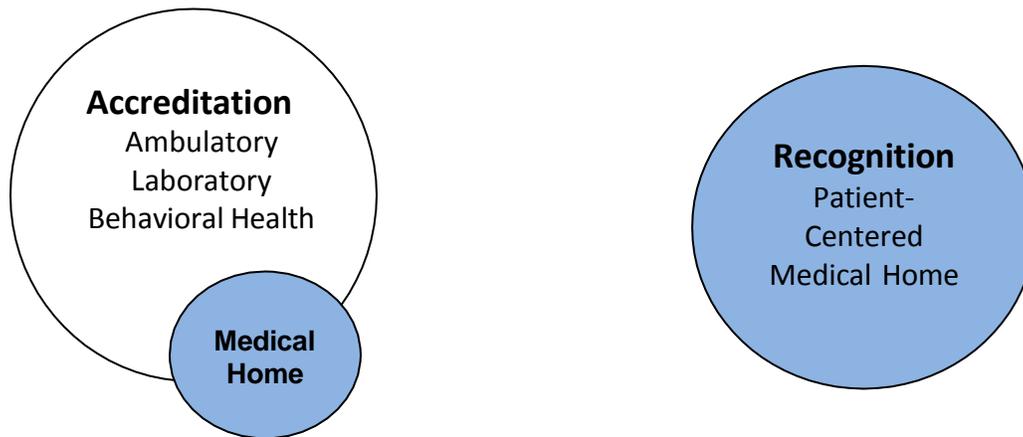


Patient-Centered Medical Home Resources: Comparison Chart

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Bureau of Primary Health Care (BPHC) supports Health Center Program grantees in achieving patient-centered medical home recognition. The information below provides a comparison between Accreditation and Patient-Centered Medical Home Recognition.



Accreditation	Patient-Centered Medical Home Recognition
Accreditation support includes both accreditation surveys and the patient-centered medical home option through contracts with the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care (AAAHC) and The Joint Commission ¹	Patient-Centered Medical Home Recognition support includes surveys through a contract with the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA)

¹ For a comparison of the ambulatory care accreditation services of AAAHC and The Joint Commission, visit <http://bphc.hrsa.gov/qualityimprovement/clinicalquality/accreditation-pcmh/selection.html>

COMPARISON CHART

Section	Activity	Accreditation: AAAHC and The Joint Commission	Recognition: NCQA
1.0	Survey Services		
1.1	Initial and re-survey	YES	YES
1.2	Ambulatory care, laboratory, and behavioral health survey services	YES	NO. However, all these services must be coordinated by the medical home.
2.0	Patient-Centered Medical Home Recognition		
2.1	Certification/Recognition	<u>AAAHC</u> : Accredited <u>Joint Commission</u> : Certification	Recognized
2.2	Scope	Entire organization	Individual practice site(s); mobile, dental, and OB/Gyn sites are not included.
2.3	On-site survey process to evaluate compliance with standards	YES	NO. Survey conducted through on-line submission of documentation.
2.4	3-year cycle accreditation or recognition cycle	YES	YES
2.5	Eligibility	Health Center Program grantee	Health Center Program grantee
3.0	Patient-Centered Medical Home Standards		
3.1	Standards Handbook and/or Manual	YES	YES
3.2	Certification/Recognition	Ambulatory accreditation plus patient medical/health home standards <u>AAAHC</u> : Patient-Centered Medical Home Standards <u>Joint Commission</u> : Primary Care Medical Home Standards	Patient-Centered Medical Home Standards

Section	Activity	Accreditation: AAAHC and The Joint Commission	Recognition: NCQA
3.3	Stand-alone patient-centered medical home certification/recognition	NO. However, the medical home survey standards can be included in or added to the ambulatory accreditation survey at no additional cost.	YES
3.4	Levels of certification/recognition	NO	YES Levels I, II, and III
4.0	Accreditation and Medical Home Resources		
4.1	Publications	YES	YES
4.2	Professional assistance with interpretation of standards	YES	YES
4.3	Readiness packets	YES	YES
4.4	Dedicated website for health centers	YES	YES
5.0	Reports and Accreditation and Recognition Decisions		
5.1	Notification of decision within 30 business days	YES	YES
5.2	Final survey report within 30 days after the final decision	<u>AAAHC</u> : YES <u>The Joint Commission</u> : YES	YES
5.3	Plan of correction	YES	YES
5.4	Appeal of a negative accreditation/recognition	YES	YES
6.0	On-going Education, Training and Technical Assistance		
6.1	Mock survey or pre-survey	YES	YES

Section	Activity	Accreditation: AAAHC and The Joint Commission	Recognition: NCQA
6.2	Webinars, teleconferences, conference calls, and audio conferences	YES	YES
6.3	Continuing Education Units (CEUs)	<u>AAAHC</u> : NO <u>Joint Commission</u> : YES	YES
6.4	Technical assistance on-site	YES	NO
6.5	Technical assistance phone calls	YES	YES

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