



Primary Care First (PCF) Model Cohort 2 Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for Applicants

1. What are the benefits of participating in Primary Care First Cohort 2?

As a participant in Primary Care First Cohort 2, your practice has the opportunity to benefit from the following:

- **Opportunity to increase revenue** with performance-based payments that reward participants for reducing acute hospital utilization and Medicare costs
- **Receive up-front, partially capitated payments** which allow for greater flexibility in care delivery and less reliance on revenue cycle management
- **Access to actionable, timely data** to inform care transformation and assess your performance relative to peers
- **Focus on a single outcome measure** that has significant impact for patients
- **Enhanced payments for practices** that specialize in complex, chronic patients
- **Potential to become a Qualifying APM Participant** by participating in Primary Care First, which CMS has determined is an Advanced Alternative Payment Model
- **Increased flexibility** so participating practices can spend more time with patients and deliver care based on patient needs
- **Aligned payment, quality, and data incentives across payers** to improve clinical focus for patients

2. If my practice was not selected for Cohort 1, is it eligible to apply for Cohort 2?

Your practice must meet the eligibility criteria outlined in the PCF Cohort 2 Request for Applications (RFA) in order to be eligible to participate in PCF Cohort 2.

3. If my practice was selected for Cohort 1 but chose not to participate, is it eligible to apply for Cohort 2?

Your practice must meet the eligibility criteria outlined in the PCF Cohort 2 Request for Applications (RFA) in order to be eligible to participate in PCF Cohort 2.

4. Can former CPC+ participants apply? What about practices with no CPC+ experience?

Yes, former CPC+ model participants may apply to participate in PCF. However, CMS is allowing primary care practices in PCF regions to apply to PCF regardless of whether they have participated in CPC+ in the past. Your practice must meet the eligibility criteria outlined in the PCF Cohort 2 Request for Applications (RFA) in order to be eligible to participate in PCF Cohort 2.

5. Will practices in Primary Care First be required to meet any CEHRT or interoperability requirements?

Yes. Participating practices must sign a Primary Care First Participation Agreement. The Participation Agreement will include certain baseline health IT requirements, quality measure reporting requirements, and interoperability requirements.

6. When will I know if my practice has been selected?

CMS will inform applicants of their selection status in Summer or Fall of 2021.