

NH Pediatric Improvement Partnership

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Welcome to our first newsletter!

The NHPIP is a state-level multidisciplinary collaborative of private and public partners dedicated to improving the quality of health care received by all NH children through the use of measurement-based quality improvement processes. The NHPIP is coordinated by the Institute for Health Policy and Practice at the University of New

Hampshire, with Medical Director leadership from the Children’s Hospital at Dartmouth. The purpose of our newsletter is to update pediatric care stakeholders about the quality improvement (QI) work of the NHPIP and others in NH. In addition, we will provide links to practical resources.



Project Updates

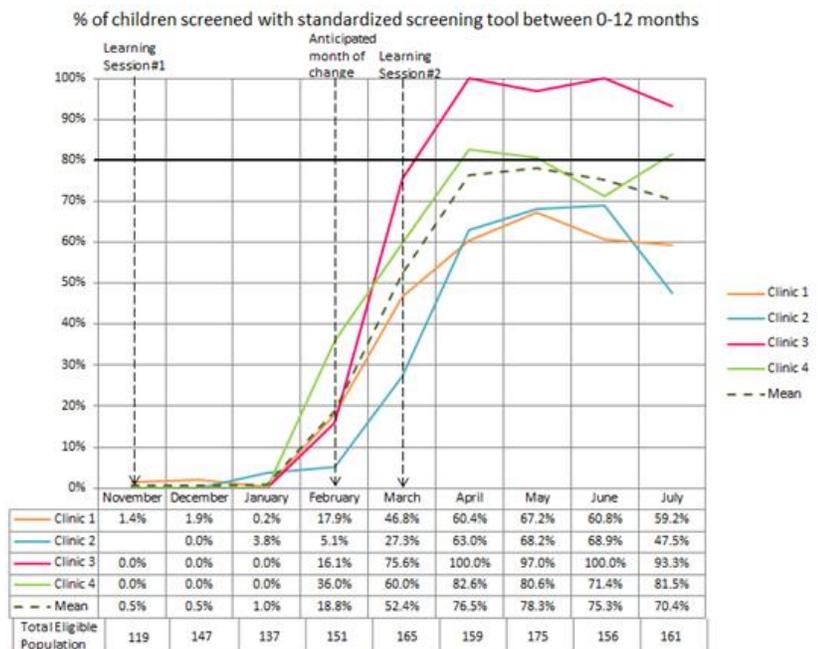
Oral Health

Results of planning grant to optimize oral health preventive service delivery in pediatric primary care settings were shared with key stakeholders for feedback during a 3/29 event in Concord: “Advancing Oral Health in NH: New Data, New Action”.

Developmental Screening

In July 2015, the NHPIP completed a developmental screening learning collaborative, which supported 4 pediatric and/or family practice primary care practices at 7 sites in implementing the Ages and Stages Questionnaire (ASQ) at the 9, 18, and 30 month well-child visits. Results were very encouraging; among eligible children under one year, mean screening rates across all practices increased from 0.5% at baseline to 70.5% at month nine (see image).

Interested in participating in our second clinic cohort? Contact us!



ADHD

Did you know, the prevalence of ADHD (10.1%)¹ is similar to asthma (10.6%)² in NH, yet there are no existing efforts in NH to address this issue? In order to assess provider needs and interest in a behavioral-health related quality improvement project focused on ADHD, the NHPIP will be emailing a SHORT survey to pediatric and family practice clinicians in NH. Let your needs be heard (and get a chance to win one of two \$100 Amazon gift cards!)

* We have only included a few project highlights. For more information about the work the NHPIP is currently doing, please visit our website at www.nhPIP.org

Data Feature

NH Medicaid Quality Data

In every newsletter we will feature a new publically available data source. The first is the NH Medicaid Quality Information System (MQIS). MQIS collects and reports on NH Medicaid Program quality measures. Measure data is submitted by a variety of organizations, including contracted managed care organizations (MCOs), the state's External Quality Review Organization (EQRO), and the Medicaid Program itself. Using MQIS, NH Medicaid staff are able to review all data submitted to assure the quality of the information. After data has been reviewed and approved, it is made publicly available on the Medicaid Quality [website](#).

Case Study

Improving Care for Neonatal Abstinence System in NH

Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center was featured in this [cover story](#) from *The Christian Science Monitor*

about a new program to treat babies who have neonatal abstinence syndrome (NAS) by having them soothed by their caregivers in a calm setting as opposed to use of morphine. Results reveal the proportion of NAS babies treated with morphine has declined from one half to one quarter. In addition, babies still needing morphine were able to be weaned off quicker with soothing.

Resources

Helpful information for providers

- The American College of Physicians offers High Value Care Pediatric Cases which are 30-60 minutes and offer free CME credit. For more information go [here](#).
- The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) invites you to the webinar: Managing Early Childhood Caries in Medicaid on Tuesday May 3, 2016 from 2:00-3:30PM EDT. To register, click [here](#).
- Clinicians face new expectations to quantify the value of care provided in order to get paid (Value

Based Payment, VBP). The Northern New England Practice Transformation Network is enrolling eligible primary and specialty care practices in Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont to receive FREE support to function in a VBP system. Click [here](#).

- The Blending Initiative is a [NIDA/SAMHSA](#) coordinated project to incorporate scientific findings about addiction treatment into mainstream clinical practice. The Initiative is offering a one hour CME webinar on teenage use of smoking, vaping, and dipping on May 25. [Click here](#) to learn more.
- The [NEGC](#) and Improvement Partnerships in ME, NH, and VT are hosting a webinar entitled "Balancing Strengths and Needs: Family Centered Conversations" as part of its learning series on caring for children with genetic and complex conditions. The webinar is [scheduled for May 26 at 12PM](#).

Sources

1. [NH ADHD State Profile](#)
2. [2013 BRFSS Data](#)