



You Are Cordially Invited

Dear Primary Care Provider,

The Maryland Health Care Commission (MHCC) is launching a Patient Centered Medical Home model of primary care in Maryland starting with a series of PCMH Outreach symposia beginning in June of 2010. The PCMH is an exciting new way to practice primary care that's gaining traction throughout the country. It features a team of health care professionals led by a physician or nurse practitioner who provide comprehensive, coordinated care focusing on increased accessibility and prevention and wellness. Experience has shown that the PCMH model increases provider and patient satisfaction plus lower costs from reduced ED and hospital visits. Practices that participate will receive support from Maryland in becoming a PCMH, are reimbursed for providing extra services associated with the program, and share savings that result from avoided ED visits and reduced hospitalizations.

We will hold a series of symposia to provide you with an opportunity to learn about and discuss Maryland's Patient-Centered Medical Home pilot program. Dinner meetings will be held from 6:00-9:00 p.m. featuring PCMH experts, at the following locations:

June 22 -Baltimore, MD	Dr. Thomas Graf	Renaissance Baltimore Harbor Place Hotel 202 East Pratt Street Baltimore MD 21202
June 23 - Cambridge, MD	Dr. Thomas Graf	Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay 100 Heron Point Rd Cambridge, MD 21613
June 29 th - Bethesda, MD	Dr. Paul Grundy	Bethesda Marriott 5151 Pooks Hill Road Bethesda, MD 20184
June 30 th – Columbia, MD	Dr. Paul Grundy	Sheraton Columbia Town Center Hotel 10207 Wincopin Circle Columbia, MD 21044
July 13 th - Hagerstown, MD	Dr. James Barr	Hagerstown Hotel and Convention Center 1910 Dual Highway Hagerstown, MD 21740
July 14 th – Fallston, MD	Dr. James Barr	Josef's Country Inn 2410 Pleasantville Road Fallston, MD 21407

Merck & Co, Inc. is supporting these symposia by contracting for the speakers and providing the venue and the food for the venue. Please contact Ms. Colleen Devaul via email at colleen_devaul@merck.com if you would like to attend one of the dinner meetings. For more information on the PCMH program, contact Ben Steffen at 410-764-3570 or pcmhpractices@mhcc.state.md.us.