



Celebrating an Accomplishment in PCMH Certification

One Indian Health Service (IHS) facility is celebrating after recently achieving Primary Care Medical Home (PCMH) certification through its state's department of health.

The facility has been ineligible for The Joint Commission (TJC) Critical Access Hospital (CAH) accreditation due to the extremely low inpatient census, and TJC PCMH certification is not available without an overarching hospital accreditation status. So the facility pursued other PCMH certification options.

The facility hosted state department of health surveyors in late December and, despite holiday vacations and celebrations, achieved the highest level of Health Care Home (HCH) certification offered by the state department of health (level III). Level III certification means surveyors recognized the facility demonstrated they are, "...evolving primary care models to reduce disparities, improve value, and address population health."

This achievement was several years in the making in preparation, process improvement, training and education and pure grit and resilience. Congratulations to this outstanding service unit for their accomplishment and agility!

Get information about sustaining compliance and pursuing accreditation and PCMH certification by visiting [the Partnership to Advance Tribal Health \(PATH\) resources webpage](#) and clicking on the Sustaining Compliance section.