

PCMH PRIME: INTEGRATING BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, IMPROVING PATIENT CARE

→ **Under-diagnosis and under-treatment of behavioral health conditions (mental illness and substance use disorders) is a serious public health problem.**

Almost 50 percent of adults will develop at least one mental illness during their lifetime.

Most Massachusetts residents reporting behavioral health conditions did not receive treatment or counseling.

→ **When behavioral health care is available in primary care practices, patients may be more likely to receive appropriate, high-quality care.**

Integrating behavioral health screenings and treatments into primary care visits can help patients address a behavioral health issue early, before it worsens or becomes an overwhelming burden.



The Massachusetts Health Policy Commission's PCMH PRIME Certification program recognizes primary care practices that demonstrate behavioral health capabilities.

The PCMH PRIME program promotes the delivery of comprehensive and patient-centered care that addresses the emotional, psychological, and medical needs of patients in a coordinated way.

To view a list of PCMH PRIME Certified practices, please visit the HPC website (<http://bit.ly/PCMHPRIMEHome>).

