

**Independent Study of the Montana PCMH Program**  
*DRAFT 12/10/15 – for discussion by the stakeholder council only*

**Statutory Requirement for the Independent Study**

(8) All health care providers and payors who participate in a patient-centered medical home shall, as a condition of participation, collectively commission one independent study on savings generated by the patient-centered medical home program and report to the children, families, health, and human services interim committee no later than September 30, 2016. (*Terminates December 31, 2017--sec. 14, Ch. 363, L. 2013.*)

***Generally, an independent study needs to be prepared by an external consultant or academic researcher with appropriate expertise. The study should not be prepared by CSI staff or members of the stakeholder council.***

**Progress to Date**

- CSI staff and stakeholder council members are exploring grant funding opportunities, with so far limited success
  - Are there other entities in the state that should be approached for funding
- CSI staff and stakeholder council members are contacting researchers/graduate students who may already have funding or would be willing to work on the independent study as an academic project without funding.
  - Are there individuals who could be considered as potential authors?

**Proposed Content**

- Overview of program history, participants (providers and payors) and progress to date (from annual reports produced by CSI)
- Brief literature review of other PCMH programs and impacts on costs/quality
- Overview of PCMH program structure in other states as compared to Montana? – funding, payor participation, reporting requirements
- Analysis of provider/payor data submitted to CSI
- Projections of future cost/quality improvements based on current participation in the MT program and findings from the literature
- Analysis of individual MT payor data on PCMH programs, if available, (e.g. BCBS) to show cost/quality improvements that have already occurred in MT
- Recommendations for future program changes/growth?