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## **APRIL 2023: OHI ACHIEVES PCMH RECOGNITION FOR ALL 7 SITES**

OHI is extremely proud to announce that all of our sites have once again been recognized by the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) as a Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH).

According to the CDC, "the patient-centered medical home (PCMH) model is an approach to delivering high-quality, cost-effective primary care. Using a patient-centered, culturally appropriate, and team-based approach, the PCMH model coordinates patient care across the health system. The PCMH model has been associated with effective chronic disease management, increased patient and provider satisfaction, cost savings, improved quality of care, and increased preventive care."

At OHI, we put this model into practice by assessing the needs of a patient on a holistic basis, not simply by the ailment that they walk through our doors with. By encouraging collaboration between our departments and championing general wellness in addition to specific points of care, OHI patients can expect to receive services that benefit both their long-term health and their confidence in the healthcare system. We have assembled a team of highly skilled and compassionate professionals from physicians and physician assistances to pharmacists, nutritionists, dentists, midwives, social workers, care coordinators, and many others that engage with all aspects of a patient's health. Working together, we can address the myriad healthcare concerns of a given patient with respect to their unique needs, culture, values, and preferences. In this respect, we like to call ourselves a 'one-stop shop' for any and all health concerns. In addition, OHI collaborates with the broader health care system, including hospitals and specialty care centers, to ensure communication between patients and their various care providers.

OHI is committed to providing the highest quality care to all, regardless of who they are, where they come from, or their ability to pay. We aim to make our services accessible to as many people as we can by limiting the barriers that prevent our patients from receiving the care they need.



The PCMH model has been proven to yield better health outcomes over time. In adopting this model and being officially recognized as a PCMH, OHI is proud to demonstrate its commitment to forging a healthy and happy community for all.

About Ocean Health Initiatives (OHI): Ocean Health Initiatives (OHI) is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) federally qualified health center (FQHC) with seven health centers, a Mobile Medical Unit and two school-based wellness programs in Ocean and Monmouth County. OHI health centers are at 101 Second Street, Lakewood; 10 Stockton Dr, Toms River; 333 Haywood Road, Manahawkin; Manchester, 686 Route 70, Lakehurst; 798 Route 539. Building 3, Little Egg Harbor; 1610 Route 88, Suite 204, Brick; and 20 Jackson Street, Freehold. The school-based wellness programs in Lakewood are in the Clifton Avenue Elementary School, 625 Clifton Avenue; and Lakewood High School, 855 Somerset Avenue, Suite A. The Freehold, Lakewood, Little Egg Harbor and Manchester health centers have pharmacies.

OHI provides comprehensive primary and preventative health and dental care to Ocean and Monmouth County's uninsured, underinsured and insured populations. A sliding-fee scale is available, based on an individual's or family's ability to pay. Services include family and internal medicine, dental, pediatrics, women's health, behavioral health and social services, podiatry and pharmacy services.

OHI has a bilingual staff available to assist patients and callers. To become a patient of OHI, call 732-363-6655. Visit <a href="https://www.ohinj.org">www.ohinj.org</a> for further information.