

NOTICE OF MATERIAL CHANGE

Date of Notice: 03/01/24

1. Name: Affiliated Pediatrics Practices, LLC

Federal TAX ID #	MA DPH Facility ID #	NPI #
04-3306156		

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Description of Organization

11. Briefly describe your organization.

Affiliated Pediatric Practices, LLC ("APP") is a private company that provides a central location for its participating pediatric practices to link to the APP network, as well as focused supports for patient quality, EMR optimization and clinical education to enable practices to set "The benchmark of excellence in pediatric healthcare." APP currently supports 17 practices with a total of 22 locations and 69 doctors, 44 NPs and 11 therapists. APP's current participating practices collectively care for about 80,000 patients and families.

Type of Material Change

12. Check the box that most accurately describes the proposed Material Change involving a Provider or Provider Organization:

- A Merger or affiliation with, or Acquisition of or by, a Carrier;
- A Merger with or Acquisition of or by a Hospital or a hospital system;
- Any other Acquisition, Merger, or affiliation (such as a Corporate Affiliation, Contracting Affiliation, or employment of Health Care Professionals) of, by, or with another Provider, Providers (such as multiple Health Care Professionals from the same Provider or Provider Organization), or Provider Organization that would result in an increase in annual Net Patient Service Revenue of the Provider or Provider Organization of ten million dollars or more, or in the Provider or Provider Organization having a near-majority of market share in a given service or region;
- Any Clinical Affiliation between two or more Providers or Provider Organizations that each had annual Net Patient Service Revenue of \$25 million or more in the preceding fiscal year; provided that this shall not include a Clinical Affiliation solely for the purpose of collaborating on clinical trials or graduate medical education programs; and
- Any formation of a partnership, joint venture, accountable care organization, parent corporation, management services organization, or other organization created for administering contracts with Carriers or third-party administrators or current or future contracting on behalf of one or more Providers or Provider Organizations.

13. What is the proposed effective date of the proposed Material Change? Promptly upon completion of HPC review

Material Change Narrative

14. Briefly describe the nature and objectives of the proposed Material Change, including any exchange of funds between the parties (such as any arrangement in which one party agrees to furnish the other party with a discount, rebate, or any other type of refund or remuneration in exchange for, or in any way related to, the provision of Health Care Services) and whether any changes in Health Care Services are anticipated in connection with the proposed Material Change:

PAGS's key objection is to transition to a more stable network with integration of pediatric specialized services to sustain its PAGS pediatric primary care practice. PAGS proposes to enter into a subscription agreement and an operating agreement with APP (collectively the "Subscription and Operating Agreements") pursuant to which the practice physicians and other eligible providers employed by PAGS will participate in APP's provider agreements including certain Mass General Brigham ("MGB") network risk contracts. As a participating provider in APP's network pursuant to these Subscription and Operating Agreements, PAGS will receive administrative support and expertise for population health medical management such as data and analytics, disease management programs, and other related quality management efforts. And, for APP, a key objective of PAG'S affiliation is the scalability of adding efficient management services for more pediatric practices to advance ongoing access to pediatric care.

The contractual affiliation does not include any discounts or rebates in exchange for the provision of health care services. PAGS will be reimbursed for its provision of health care services pursuant to the terms of APP's participating provider agreements.

A primary objective of the contractual affiliation is to allow for the integration of pediatric specialized services available through APP's network to sustain the PAGS pediatric primary care practice. APP offers a pediatric focused provider group that will enhance quality and performance of the pediatric population served by PAGS in a system with integrated pediatric specialized services available regionally. This sustainable network will benefit PAGS and its patients by enhancing PAGS already high quality primary care and care coordination with specialized providers.

15. Briefly describe the anticipated impact of the proposed Material Change, including but not limited to any anticipated impact on reimbursement rates, care referral patterns, access to needed services, and/or quality of care:

The parties anticipate that the participation of PAGS in APP will provide enhanced pediatric medical management support for the pediatric focused population served by PAGS and allow for greater integration with, and enhanced access to, pediatric specialized services of Mass General for Children rather than other higher cost pediatric specialized services. The parties anticipate that the contractual affiliation between PAGS and APP, including PAGS' participation in the MGB risk contracts balanced with further integration of care, will not have a material impact on reimbursement rates. To the contrary, for reasons set forth above, the participation of PAGS in APP will increase patient access to needed services and enhance quality of care. Alternative pediatric network options for PAGS do not offer the same sustainability or level of medical management, and would increase regional market concentration, likely leading to higher care costs.

Development of the Material Change

16. Describe any other Material Changes you anticipate making in the next 12 months:

PAGS does not anticipate any additional Material Changes in the next 12 months.

APP continues to evaluate potential participating practices and will file a Notice of Material Change for any future material change where such notice is required.

17. Indicate the date and nature of any applications, forms, notices or other materials you have submitted regarding the proposed Material Change to any other state or federal agency: NONE

Supplemental Materials

18. Submit the following materials, if applicable, under separate cover to HPC-Notice@mass.gov.

The Health Policy Commission shall keep confidential all nonpublic information, as requested by the parties, in accordance with M.G.L. c. 6D, § 13(c), as amended by 2013 Mass. Acts, c. 38, § 20 (July 12, 2013).

- a. Copies of all current agreement(s) (with accompanying appendices and exhibits) governing the proposed Material Change (e.g., definitive agreements, affiliation agreements);
Sent under separate cover.
Executed Practice Transition Agreement between PAGS and APP
- b. A current organizational chart of your organization; and
Not applicable
- c. Any analytic support for your responses to Questions 14 and 15 above.
Will await requests from HPC for any data

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This signed and notarized Affidavit of Truthfulness and Proper Submission is required for a complete submission.

Affidavit of Truthfulness and Proper Submission

I, the undersigned, certify that:

1. I have read 958 CMR 7.00, Notices of Material Change and Cost and Market Impact Reviews.
2. I have read this Notice of Material Change and the information contained therein is accurate and true.
3. I have submitted the required copies of this Notice to the Health Policy Commission, the Office of the Attorney General, and the Center for Health Information and Analysis as required.

Signed on the 4th day of March, 2024, under the pains and penalties of perjury.

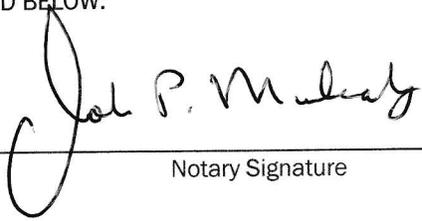
Signature: 

Name: Affiliated Pediatrics Practices, LLC

Title: Executive Director

FORM MUST BE NOTARIZED IN THE SPACE PROVIDED BELOW:




Notary Signature

Copies of this application have been submitted electronically as follows:

Office of the Attorney General (1)

Center for Health Information and Analysis (1)