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**NAWHC NOW!** provides information on upcoming programs, new developments, resources and benchmarking surveys related to onsite, near-site, shared, mobile and virtual worksite clinics, offered by the National Association of Worksite Health Centers, as well as information and resources from other industry experts and partners. Visit [www.nawhc.org](http://www.nawhc.org) for details on the items mentioned and membership information.

### **UPCOMING EDUCATIONAL EVENTS**

#### ***Best Practices in Treating MSK and Back Pain in Your Worksite Clinic- A Virtual Event - Dec. 9, 2020***

Musculoskeletal conditions and pain management are top clinical problems for employers and their health centers. This is a free event for NAWHC members. To register go to [this link](#).

### **PROJECTS**

#### ***Tobacco Cessation Resources for Worksite Centers in Ohio***

The State of Ohio has requested NAWHC to assist in letting worksite centers in Ohio know about the state's tobacco cessation resources and programs. We are trying to identify employers and vendors having centers in Ohio that would like to receive this information. While a survey will go out later, if you have an interest in obtaining this information and staff training on tobacco cessation for your population, contact Larry Boress at [lboress@nawhc.org](mailto:lboress@nawhc.org).

#### ***Osteoarthritis Project***

NAWHC will be working on a new project to improve how worksite health centers treat osteoarthritis patients. We are looking for employers and clinic vendor partners interested in this topic. If you want to participate, contact Larry Boress at [lboress@nawhc.org](mailto:lboress@nawhc.org).

### **MARKET DEVELOPMENTS**

#### ***Premise Health Acquires CareHere***

Premise Health, the largest direct primary care provider, has acquired CareHere. According to a news release, the CareHere acquisition provides Premise Health with the opportunity to extend its integrated approach to care to additional markets, including municipal and state governments, universities, and Taft-Hartley plans. The combined entity will reach over 11 million eligible lives across more than 2,200 clients. In addition, Premise Health will operate more than 850 onsite and near site wellness centers in 300 markets across 45 states and Guam.

#### ***Paladina Health Acquires Healthstat***

According to a press release, Paladina Health has signed an agreement to acquire Healthstat, a provider of onsite, near-site, shared and virtual employer-sponsored health centers. Paladina Health currently operates 120 clinics concentrated in the Midwest and Western U.S. The Healthstat acquisition will add more than 230 clinics in 13 additional states, including in the Southeast where Paladina Health does not have a presence. After the acquisition is complete, Paladina Health will operate 350 clinics and remain the nation's second-largest direct primary care provider.

#### ***CareATC Agreement with Cancer Treatment Centers of America***

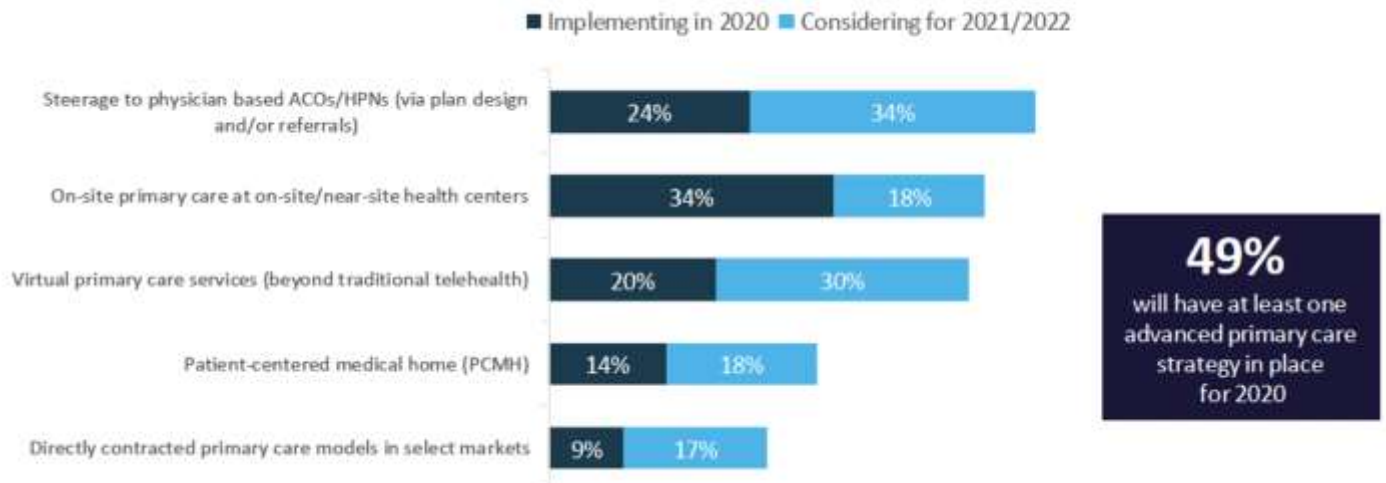


CareATC has signed an agreement with Cancer Treatment Centers of America (CTCA), making CTCA its preferred oncology care provider. CareATC clients can add this service to provide employees access to cancer care at a significantly reduced price. The direct relationship between CareATC and CTCA means that patients will benefit from a collaborative approach to care between their CareATC primary care provider and the specialist with CTCA.

## BENCHMARKING

### *Implementing Primary Care Strategies*

The Business Group on Health's survey of large employers found many are implementing primary care strategies to address worker health.



## RESOURCES AND RESEARCH

### *Creating Effective Employer-Vendor Partnerships*

At the NAWHC Annual Forum, KLAS Research presented results of its surveys and interviews on what features make for a strong employer-vendor partnership. A key one is "Alignment and Fit" - meaning the vendor and employer each met the other's needs in the following areas:

- The Vendor:
  - Offers services that are identified and tailored for the employer's population and needs and reviews these annually
  - Ensures its resources are culturally aligned with the employer's population
  - Provides honest and transparent information and reports on what is working and what isn't
- The Employer (client):
  - Shows a willingness to learn about what models are most proven
  - Provides a firm commitment to embrace the clinic and services as success only comes with focus
  - Is clear about what the gaps and challenges are

### *Plans for COVID-19 Distribution*



NAWHC has been in talks with the CDC and NIOSH in discussing how worksite centers can play a key role in the distribution of COVID-19 vaccine. Each jurisdiction (state health department) will create its own plan for priority distribution in its state. If you want your center to participate in the immunization effort, worksite centers are encouraged to contact their health department to let the agency know of your interest and capabilities. The CDC's preliminary plan for priority immunizations, which can be modified by each jurisdiction, is as follows:

Target population	Vaccination Sites
<b>Critical Infrastructure</b>	
<b>Health care and Community support services</b>	Occupational health setting, Pharmacies, Other settings
<b>Homeland and national security</b>	Occupational health setting, Pharmacies, Other settings
<b>Other critical infrastructure</b>	Occupational health setting, Pharmacies, Other settings
<b>People at Increased Risk of Severe Illness</b>	
<b>Elderly (65 years &amp; older)</b>	Doctor's offices, Pharmacies, Other settings
<b>Nursing home / Assisted living facility residents</b>	Facilities health services, Mobile vaccination units
<b>Communities of color (Black, Hispanic)</b>	Doctor's offices, PODs, Other settings
<b>Tribal populations</b>	IHS facilities, Tribal health units, Other settings
<b>People with underlying medical conditions</b>	Doctor's Offices, Pharmacies, Other settings
<b>People Living in Congregate Settings</b>	
<b>People who are incarcerated/detained</b>	Correctional facility health services, Pharmacies, ICE Health Service Co BOP for federal facilities
<b>People experiencing homelessness</b>	PODs, Mobile vaccination units, Health clinics serving population
<b>People attending university or college</b>	Student health clinics, PODs, Other settings
<b>Populations with Limited Access to Vaccine</b>	
<b>People living in rural jurisdictions</b>	FQHCs, Mobile clinics, Other settings
<b>Individuals with disabilities</b>	Home health organizations, Mobile clinics, Other settings

*New Employee Paid Leave Rights for COVID-19 Patients*



The *Families First Coronavirus Response Act* (FFCRA or Act) requires certain employers to provide employees with paid sick leave or expanded family and medical leave for specified reasons related to COVID-19. The Department of Labor's (Department) Wage and Hour Division (WHD) administers and enforces the new law's paid leave requirements. These provisions will apply from the effective date through December 31, 2020. See the full description of this law at [this link](#).

### ***The Future of the Workforce***

The NIOSH flagship article on the [Future of Work](#) outlines issues relevant to the future workplace, workforce and work itself. A key finding for those with worksite centers was the value of integrated care: "Studies have shown that integrating occupational safety and health protection activities with health-enhancing ones—rather than delivering either of these activities alone—more effectively addresses the wide-ranging and increasingly complex concerns of workers."

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Thank you for your support and involvement in NAWHC. Stay safe.