



PCPCH Site Visit Readiness Checklist

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Quality Improvement (2.D) - Show Me It's Real

- ☐ QI team at each clinic site meets regularly
- ☐ Agendas + notes documented and accessible
- ☐ Active QI projects with clear aims and measures
- ☐ PDSA cycles documented
- ☐ Staff beyond leadership can describe QI priorities

Audit reality: If only one person understands your QI work, it's a red flag.

Staff Vitality (2.F) - Beyond the Survey

- ☐ Wellness survey completed in the last year (all staff & providers)
- ☐ Results summarized and shared internally
- ☐ Documented actions taken based on survey results
- ☐ Staff can name at least one change that's been made as a result of your survey

Audit reality: A survey without follow-up is not enough.

Access & Performance Data (1.A, 2.A) - Use It or Lose It

- ☐ Access reports run regularly
- ☐ Performance data reviewed consistently
- ☐ Data tied to decisions or QI
- ☐ Reports are recent and available

Audit reality: Generating reports does not equal using data to improve timely access to care.

Complex Care & Risk Stratification (5.A, 5.C, 5.E) - It All Has to Connect

- ☐ Criteria for identifying high risk patients are documented and understood
- ☐ Risk stratification process is clearly defined and consistently applied
- ☐ Patient lists (high, medium, low and rising-risk) are current and actionable
- ☐ Care management workflows are defined (who does what, when, and how)

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- ☐ Evidence of outreach, care planning, and follow-up is documented
- ☐ Behavioral health and social needs are integrated into care planning
- ☐ Data, workflows, and care management activities are aligned across the team

👉 *Audit reality:* Misalignment is the biggest risk here—if your risk stratification, patient lists, and care management activities don't match, it will show quickly.

Workflows - Can Your Team Explain Them?

- ☐ Key workflows documented, including who is responsible for what
- ☐ Staff can explain workflows without documents
- ☐ Processes consistent across staff
- ☐ Structured onboarding for new staff

Audit reality: Inconsistent answers signal weak systems.

Documentation - Keep It Current

- ☐ Documentation reflects current practice
- ☐ Evidence from last 3–6 months
- ☐ Files organized by PCPCH standard and easy to access
- ☐ Avoid over-documentation

Audit reality: They want what's real, not what's polished.

Final Gut Check

- Could multiple staff explain your systems and processes?
- Do documents match real workflows?
- Can you produce data and evidence quickly?

Bottom Line: PCPCH site visits are no longer about proving you have processes. They're about proving those processes are alive, embedded, and working.

👉 Need help preparing for a PCPCH site visit or strengthening your systems?

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