

## **Patient Centered Medical Home**

EOHHS is embarking on a Patient Centered Medical Home Initiative (PCMHI) to address three major issues confronting health care in Massachusetts: 1) care fragmentation; 2) increasing prevalence of chronic disease and the challenges faced by the current system to address this issue; and 3) a growing shortage of primary care providers.

The Center for Medical Home Improvement (2008) defines a Patient Centered Medical home as a “community-based primary care setting which provides and coordinates high-quality, planned, patient- and family-centered health promotion, acute illness care, and chronic condition management.”

UMass Medical School (UMMS) was chosen to take the lead on several of the practice transformation activities including: consumer engagement, medical home facilitation, technology support, clinical data patient registry development and the evaluation for the MassHealth PCMHI. These activities are managed by a collaboration of several departments within UMMS. The Office of Program Development provides overall project management support for these initiatives.