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### Background

Obesity is a chronic, complex disease that threatens the physical and psychological health of children. Treatment efforts addressing child weight management by Unifying Patients, Providers, and Payers (TEAM UP) is a pragmatic, multi-site trial that compares the effectiveness of enhanced Standard of Care (eSOC) delivered by primary care providers versus eSOC + Family-based Behavioral Treatment (FBT) delivered by trained “coaches” to treat childhood obesity. TEAM UP will take place in clinical practices across three states as seen in Figure 1.

### Methods

TEAM UP employs a multi-pronged engagement approach including patients, providers, payers, and scientist stakeholders to implement acceptable and effective childhood obesity treatment strategies for sustainable delivery in primary care.

**Oversight and Collaboration:** ABs are led by a stakeholder chairperson who serves on the Scientific Advisory Committee to provide stakeholder input to critical study-related issues. Further, at least one study team member and PI or Co-I attend AB meetings to receive immediate guidance from the AB and report to study leadership.

### Quality Improvement Framework

The first annual survey was sent via email to seventy-five TEAM UP stakeholders and team members from July 19 – August 9, 2019. Survey responses were anonymous.

The tool is based on PCORI Engagement Principles and focuses on perceived project roles, satisfaction with stakeholder engagement, level of stakeholder understanding about the research process and project, and trust in the stakeholder-research team relationship.

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### Next Steps

Stakeholder engagement is a critical, ongoing process that will guide the TEAM UP project team to identify acceptable and effective strategies for treating childhood obesity in primary care.

**Key themes**

The team will continue to support the strengths as reported in the survey, notably:

- Compensation and time for the patient partner was found to be about right
- Stakeholders were found to be valued or highly valued on the project
- Key decisions and material development have appropriate stakeholder involvement

To improve trustworthiness among the stakeholders and research team, focus on:

- Transparency- in the decision making process (research team & stakeholder)
- Mutual respect- acknowledging information received and informing how or if it was used (research team & stakeholder)
- Effective communication (research team & stakeholder)
- More time and resources for the engagement and AB management (stakeholder)
- Information about the study as it progresses; opportunities to engage and provide feedback outside of the regular meeting structures (stakeholder)

### QI Findings

The following graphs depict select responses from the 360° Engagement Assessment reflecting key stakeholder input.

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**Figure 1. TEAM UP clinical delivery sites and PCP training site**

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