

Question:

Will APS need anything formal from MHPs to document that they have terminated a PIP to start their statewide PIP?

We do not need any documentation when an MHP discontinues a PIP. However, as part of our standard practice, we request this information with the pre-review documentation (30 days prior to the review).

An MHP should have two active PIPs at any given time and may discontinue or shift a PIP into a maintenance mode when actively working on a new PIP. With the initiation of the EPSDT PIP, the only difference is that a start date is provided. Meeting in work groups and analyzing baseline data would be considered as "active" for the EPSDT PIP if the project recently began and is meeting any DMH-provided time frames.

If an MHP discontinues a PIP that is demonstrating good outcomes, they should consider continuing aspects of it -- perhaps in a fashion less formal than the PIP -- so that worthwhile interventions continue to provide system and consumer benefit. MHPs that have SCERP or CalMEND PIPs have other issues or commitments to take into consideration and would probably not want to discontinue these PIPs.

An MHP may continue more than two PIPs, but two will be formally scored for their EQRO report. We would then note in the report that the MHP has maintained additional PIPs.

MHPs are invited to contact APS to discuss the status of their PIPs if they have any concerns or questions.