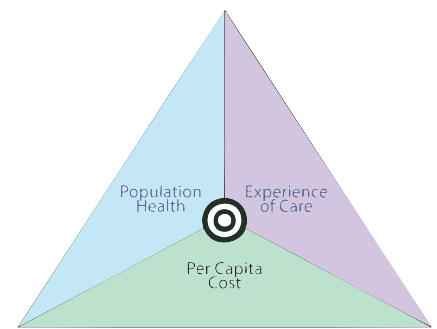


# STATE INNOVATION MODEL

## WHAT IS SIM?

Maine believes that its healthcare system can improve the health of Maine people, advance the quality and experiences of health-care, and reduce healthcare costs by 2016. During the next three years, an unprecedented partnership among physical and behavioral health providers, public and private insurers, data and system analysts, purchasers, workforce developers, and Maine consumers will put this belief to the test through the Maine State Innovation Model (SIM). Federal partners are confident in its potential and have funded Maine and five other states to each implement their state level healthcare innovation reform plan.

The Maine SIM intends to achieve the Triple Aim goals of **improving the health of Maine's population, improving the experience Maine patients have with their care, and reducing the total costs of care.** The model has a foundation in emerging healthcare initiatives, promising community-based demonstration projects, and evidence-based strategies that empower consumers with long-term health conditions. The power of the innovation, however, comes from the concurrent application of existing efforts with enhanced investments, all within a shared commitment to accountability, transparency, and quality.



The SIM grant in some cases accelerates and broadens the current innovations occurring throughout Maine, and in other cases introduces new capabilities to Maine's healthcare reform efforts. SIM enables these innovative tests to more effectively determine what reform efforts are working, and, just as importantly, to determine what is not working as effectively as expected.

## NEW PAYMENT MODELS

### DID YOU KNOW?

THE US SPENDS  
**\$765 BILLION**  
IN EXCESS  
HEALTHCARE COSTS  
ANNUALLY

Reforming the way we pay for healthcare in Maine is essential to improving the quality of care and lowering cost. Under the current fee-for-service system, providers are financially rewarded for each test and procedure they perform, regardless of the outcomes. In many cases this leads to unnecessary care and outcomes that are often not as good as other industrialized nations.

Maine's State Innovation Model work will seek to move the state's healthcare payment system away from fee-for-service and replace it with payment mechanisms that incentivize appropriate, safe, high-value care. Payment systems based on patient outcomes hold significant potential for improving both the cost and quality of healthcare in our state.

The SIM Award is funding the following efforts to develop new payment models:

- *Provide Quality Improvement Support for Behavioral Health Homes Learning Collaboratives*
- *Develop and Distribute Provider Practice Repts*
- *Stimulate Value-Based Insurance Design*
- *Publicly Report Quality and Cost Information to Drive Quality Improvement and Payment Reform*

## DELIVERY SYSTEM REFORM

For all the incredible advances in treatment that the US has seen in recent decades, the delivery systems in which we provide care have remained largely unchanged. In the majority of places, primary care providers, specialists and hospitals operate independently of one another, and there is very little coordination between them on patient care. This lack of coordination leads to repeated tests, poorer patient outcomes and experience, and increased costs to the system. To address this issue, the Maine State Innovation Model will be focusing resources on developing an interconnected healthcare delivery system based around Patient Centered Medical Homes (PCMHs) and Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs).



The SIM Award is funding the following efforts to reform Maine's delivery system:

***Implement MaineCare Accountable Communities • Implement MaineCare Behavioral Health Homes •  
MaineCare Clinical Dashboard • Patient and Provider Portals • Provider Practice Reports •  
MaineCare Health HOMes Learning Collaboratives***

## DATA & ANALYTICS

Health Information Technology is an important building block of a high functioning healthcare system, and developing a comprehensive, integrated HIT network will be an integral piece of the SIM work. Widespread use of HIT within the health care industry will improve the quality of healthcare, prevent medical errors, reduce healthcare costs, increase administrative efficiencies, decrease paperwork, and expand access to affordable health care.

The SIM Award is funding the following efforts to promote the use of health data and analytics:

***Track Cost of Care • Provider Practice Reports • MaineCare Notification Project • Behavioral  
Health HIT Reimbursement Grant***

## CONSUMER ENGAGEMENT

A large portion of the State Innovation Model work is devoted to reforming the way in which we deliver and pay for health care, but just as important is the work aimed at engaging consumers. As the end-users of our healthcare system, it is crucial that patients are aware and supportive of the changes taking place. To facilitate this, the SIM work includes a number of initiatives aimed at communicating the changes that are happening and providing pathways for consumers to have their voice heard.

The SIM Award is funding the following efforts to strengthen consumer engagement:

***National Diabetes Prevention Program • Community Health Workers • Consumer Engagement &  
Education Around Payment and System Delivery Reform***

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