



Accountable Care Implementation (ACI) Steering Group

The ACI Steering Group is a multi-stakeholder work group of the Maine Health Management Coalition (MHMC). The ACI Steering Group was established by MHMC members actively engaged in payment reform pilots and initiatives. The Steering Group identifies shared priorities for care delivery and payment changes, to address barriers to implementing system redesign and payment changes, to facilitate primary care based Accountable Care Organizations (ACO) and to accelerate common measurement, payment and benefit design to support advanced models of care delivery. The MHMC provides facilitation, staffing, technical assistance and data support to the Steering Group. The ACI serves as a learning collaborative for organizations developing and transitioning to multi-stakeholder ACOs.

The MHMC established a set of joint principles for ACO initiatives:

- Transparency
- Primary care as the foundation of care delivery
- Value-based purchasing
- Benchmarking to best practice/evidence-based care
- Collaborative learning experience
- Shared risk
- Meaningful patient engagement
- Shared accountability: patients, providers, purchasers and plans
- Reduced cost of care

Under the State Innovation Model (SIM), in collaboration with the Health Care Cost Work Group and the VBIID Work Group, the ACI Steering Group will:

- Identify common intervention strategies employed by developing ACOs, by CMS shared savings and Pioneer pilots and by other models to establish baselines for outcomes, utilization and cost performance measures to be tracked over time.
- Work toward alignment of measures across all payers – public and commercial, with particular focus on NQF and CMS-endorsed performance measures.
- Develop protocols for data sharing and benchmarking using the MHMC database and other sources for purposes of defining baseline targets and tracking experience against identified metrics.
- Convene dialogue between providers, purchasers, health plans (including Medicare and MaineCare) to develop consensus around payment reform strategies based on interventions and payment models currently being developed/promoted and to promote the integration of successful strategies developed by CMS shared savings programs, Pioneer and similar initiatives.
- Recommend new measures or modification of existing measures for comparative reporting to incentivize adoption of new payment models and to promote accountability.
- Endorse successful payment strategies and benefit design features in order to support and accelerate delivery system change.

- Examine and assess measurement alignment to recommend new or modified measures for PTE Systems adoption for public reporting of performance.

With input from the ACI Steering Group, the MHMC will develop and disseminate technical assistance curricula that will comprise a catalog of existing payment reform initiatives and their characteristics to support and assist emerging payment reform initiatives.