

Abstract

In partnership with the Governor's Office, Maine's Department of Health and Human Services proposes aligning MaineCare (the state's Medicaid program) with Medicare and commercial payers to achieve and sustain lower costs for the Medicaid, Medicare and CHIP populations, while improving the quality of care and patient satisfaction. The Maine Innovation Model is a logical continuation and advancement of delivery system and payment reform initiatives that are already transforming healthcare in Maine, and will enhance the involvement in, and impact of, the State's public payer sector on cost reduction, quality improvement, and informed patient engagement – i.e. the *Triple Aim* goals – with a continued commitment to transparency and public reporting.

The Maine Innovation Model (the Model) leverages current successes and brings the State's investment to the next level, supporting the formation of multi-payer ACOs that commit to value and performance based payment reform and public reporting of common quality benchmarks, and that build on the model of MaineCare accountable communities. The Model accomplishes this by: (1) supporting and strengthening enhanced primary care; (2) supporting and strengthening alignments between primary care and public health, behavioral health, and long-term care; (3) supporting the development of new workforce models for the transformed system, and; (4) aligning measures, data and analytics across providers.

Project goals are to: (1) reduce PMPM cost for the MaineCare population; (2) improve the quality of care for this population; and (3) improve the patient experience of care and increase patient engagement. Our objectives are to: (1) implement payment reform across public/private payers; (2) spread the patient-centered medical home model of enhanced, integrated primary care, and; (3) achieve transparent understanding of the costs and quality outcomes of patients across all payers statewide. Achievement of these objectives, together with a strong evaluation, will enable the State to determine the impact of its healthcare reforms.

The CMS award will fund the following: (1) The data analytic structure for providers and purchasers needed for multi-payer claims analysis, public reporting, and secure information sharing; (2) Quality improvement support, training, and collaborative learning to achieve accountable care; (3) Support for purchaser-led payment reform, including the potential for investment in performance based shared savings; (4) Patient shared decision-making training and tools, and support for value based benefit design; and (5) Development of new workforce models to more appropriately support the transformed system.

Savings: The Maine Innovation Model predicts significant savings compared to the underlying trend of the latest three years in Maine, with the following estimated cumulative savings over three years: \$472M (MaineCare); \$554M (Commercial), and; \$248M (Medicare).