

THE SIM EVALUATIONS AND THE SIM EVALUATION SUBCOMMITTEE

WHAT ARE THE SIM EVALUATIONS?

The SIM Self Evaluation is a requirement of CMMI with the aim of assessing the implementation, cost effectiveness and impact of the SIM activities. It includes measurements of provider and consumer experience, the implementation process and core metrics around healthcare cost and quality outcomes in Maine. The Lewin Group is the organization hired to conduct the Self Evaluation, they have contracted with Crescendo of Portland, Maine to conduct provider and stakeholder interviews and Market Decisions of Portland, Maine to conduct consumer interviews. The interviews for this year will be completed by the end of June.

RTI was contracted by CMS/CMMI to conduct a broader evaluation of SIM and Patient Center Medical Homes/Multi-payer Pilot Project. They have been working with The National Academy for State Health Policy (NASHP).

John Snow Inc. (JSI) has been contracted to evaluation the Maine CDC SIM initiatives for National Diabetes Prevention Program (NDPP) and the Community Health Worker Program, this evaluation is a requirement of the National Centers for Disease Control. JSI will start interviewing key participants of these initiatives in the near future.

WHAT IS THE SIM EVALUATION SUBCOMMITTEE?

The Maine SIM Evaluation Subcommittee provides strategic oversight and guidance on the design and implementation of project evaluation, performance reporting, continuous quality improvement (CQI), and evaluation dissemination activities for Maine's SIM project. Specifically, this involves regular feedback and input on the development of a coherent, coordinated and sustainable measurement, evaluation, and quality improvement framework for innovation strategies and initiatives. The Subcommittee will provide insight and feedback on existing data sets/sources and evaluation protocols/tools to the self evaluation.

The evaluation framework will include implementation, cost-effectiveness, and impact evaluations of SIM activities. This includes:

- An assessment of provider experience, consumer experience, and the overall SIM implementation process.
- A core set of metrics to measure impacts on overall healthcare cost and outcomes in Maine

The Subcommittee will also provide strategic thinking, in partnership with the Steering Committee, related to early outcomes and rapid cycle learning. Finally, the Subcommittee will support the development of local evaluation infrastructure as part of a sustainable research collaborative designed to build on the effectiveness of SIM models in the improvement of care quality, reduction of health risks, improvement of health outcomes, and reduction of healthcare costs.

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