

DHHS FY 16/17 Budget Initiative: Health Homes Funding Stage A and B

Health Homes were established as a model of care promoting better health outcomes for MaineCare members with either multiple chronic conditions (such as diabetes, obesity, depression) or Serious and Persistent Mental Illness (SPMI) and increasing access to primary care. This model is a critical foundation to control the rate of spending by helping to reduce preventable Emergency Department (ED) usage and preventable readmissions and admissions. Under the ACA, the federal government provided a temporary, enhanced Federal match of 90/10 to support these initiatives for a two year period. The enhanced funding for Stage A expired on 12/31/14, and will expire for Stage B on 3/1/16.

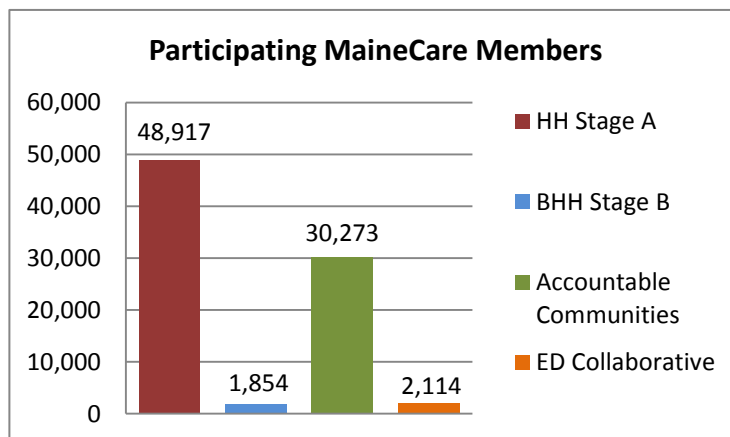
Stage A Health Homes focus on individuals with two or more chronic conditions or those who are diagnosed with one and are at risk for another. This model is intended to accomplish the following:

- Reduce preventable admissions and readmissions.
- Reduce inappropriate utilization of the Emergency Department

Currently, there are over 170 primary care practices who are functioning as a Stage A Health Home, serving over 50,000 MaineCare members.

Stage B Health Homes focus on individuals with Serious and Persistent Mental Illness (SPMI) and children with Serious Emotional Disturbance (SED). This model is intended to:

- Ensure individuals with SPMI and SED have access to, and coordination with, primary care. Individuals diagnosed with SPMI/SED typically have other chronic medical conditions such as diabetes, asthma, etc. that are untreated.



Initiative

Stage A Health Homes: This initiative provides continued funding for Stage A due to the elimination of the ACA's enhanced federal match of 90% federal/10% state funding that expires on December 31, 2014.

Stage B Health Homes: This initiative provides continued funding for Stage B due to the elimination of the ACA's enhanced federal match of 90% federal/10% state funding that expires on March 31, 2016.

Request for Funding:

Year	State
SFY 16	\$5,644,171
SFY 17	\$7,840,800