

## CMS SIM Model Testing Award Background

- CMS SIM initiatives were announced in February 2013 to implement and test State Health Care Innovation Plans in six states.
- With the combined support of over \$250 million, these Model Testing Award states are putting in place strategies to transform a state's health care delivery system through multi-payer payment reform and additional state initiatives.
- Participating states have 42 months to implement and test their plans with continued funding contingent on the state's performance and progress in meeting their goals.

## Summary of SIM Testing Award in Minnesota

Minnesota plans to use its SIM grant to expand team-based, coordinated patient-centered care by improving health information technology across the state, building their quality improvement infrastructure, and enhancing the workforce needed to support this approach to delivering care. Funds will also be used to expand existing models including offering behavioral health and long-term social services through their Medicaid Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs). Development of care management services to children with newly proposed behavioral health homes is underway. Although the majority of the Minnesota SIM initiative is related to adult health, Minnesota plans to focus on coordinating care for their pediatric population by promoting the collaboration of the education system and early intervention initiatives with mental health, health care, public health, child welfare, corrections, and county social services. Minnesota is also considering including pediatric specific preventive care measures as part of its Statewide Quality Reporting Measurement System (SQRMS) to track quality improvement.

## Implications for Pediatrics

### *Impact on Children:*

- Multi-payer ACOs will be expanded throughout the state and will serve all patients, including children.
- Behavioral health homes will be for adults and children (primarily those on Medicaid/CHIP) with serious mental illness.

### *Impact on Participating Providers:*

- ACOs will utilize a shared savings/shared risks payment program that distributes the difference between the annual expected total cost of care and the actual realized cost of care based on quality and patient experience outcomes.
- Minnesota is considering including pediatric specific preventive care measures as part of its Statewide Quality Reporting Measurement System (SQRMS) to track quality improvement.

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