

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 Oregon

Using the SIM grant, Oregon intends to transform care for their Medicaid and CHIP population and expand the coordinated care model through their Coordinated Care Organizations (CCOs). CCOs will be collecting and monitoring a number of pediatric measures including low birth weight and developmental screening to improve the quality of care delivered to children. SIM funds will also create the Oregon Transformation Center to provide technical assistance and expertise to CCOs as they work to partner with community clinicians. The Center will partner with the state's Early Learning Council to test innovative delivery models and collaborations between the CCOs, and education and social service partners. This will further the state's efforts to align early childhood educational with health reform initiatives and improve child health outcomes and kindergarten readiness.

Implications for Pediatrics

Impact on Children:

- The plan supports local innovation and payment reform through Coordinated Care Organizations (CCOs) which include children on Medicaid and CHIP.
- Grants in four communities tie public health and CCOs more closely and 6 Regional Health Equity Coalitions affect children as part of the larger population,
- Early Learning Hubs are the concurrent education reform in Oregon that is a similar model to CCOs. The plan includes requirements for CCOs and Hubs to explicitly coordinate care for children.

Impact on Participating Providers:

- A core set of CCO metrics being monitored includes pediatric measures such as screening and low birth weight. Kindergarten readiness may be a shared metric with the Early Learning Hubs.
- The Transformation Center provides support to CCOs for practice transformation through technical assistance on quality improvement and a wide range of specific issues addressed within a learning collaborative.
- Oregon aims to have CCOs reimburse providers with alternative payment methodologies such as shared savings payments and bundled or episodic payments. The Oregon Pediatric Society (Oregon AAP Chapter) is working with other partners to move this payment model toward action.

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