

Summary of Proposed Initiatives Impacting Pediatrics Populations and Providers in Idaho's State Innovation Model Testing Application

CMS SIM Round 2 Testing Awards Background

- In December 2014, 11 states were announced as recipients of round two of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) State Innovation Model (SIM) Test Awards, utilized to implement and test State Health Care Innovation Plans.
- With the combined support of \$622 million, states awarded Model Test funds are putting strategies in place to transform health care delivery systems primarily through multi-payer payment reform and additional initiatives.
- The Round Two SIM Model Test Awards have a more explicit emphasis on improving population health in specific areas such as prevention, health equity, and healthy behaviors.
- Participating states have 48 months to implement and test their models.

Summary of SIM Testing Award in Idaho

Idaho will receive approximately \$40 million to implement and test its State Health Care Innovation Plan. The central focus of Idaho's plan is expanding access to primary care by building 180 National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) recognized patient-centered medical home (PCMH) practices, including 75 virtual PCMH practices to improve rural patient access to care, by the end of the testing period. Virtual practices utilize telehealth, community health workers, and community health emergency medical services personnel. The PCMH practices will be designed to serve all children and adult Medicaid beneficiaries, and will expand on the Idaho Medical Home Collaborative to serve individuals with and without chronic conditions.

Idaho plans to support large-scale practice transformation through substantial investments in advanced health information technology, regional collaboratives to support PCMH integration with their broader medical neighborhoods, such as ancillary care providers (i.e.: specialists, hospitals, long-term care providers, behavioral health providers and others) located in their regions, and a value-based multi-payer payment model.

Implications for Pediatrics

Impact on children:

- Throughout the grant period, Idaho will collect information on a set of cross-payer healthcare performance measures to assess and improve population health. Examples of proposed measures affecting children include childhood immunization rates, asthma emergency department visits, and low birth weight rates.
- In Year 1, the state will begin collecting data on three primary performance measures to establish a baseline. One of the three performance measures focuses on pediatrics, specifically weight assessment and nutrition/physical activity counseling for children and adolescents ages 2 through 17.
- Idaho will continue the work of the Children's Health Improvement Coalition to develop PCMH practices for children and youth with special health care needs.

Impact on Participating Providers:

- The Idaho Healthcare Coalition will determine criteria for primary care providers to participate in the SIM testing program and transform practices into medical homes.
- Idaho will assist participating practices by establishing seven regional collaboratives to support the integration of each PCMH into the broader medical neighborhood. Idaho's existing public health districts will serve as the regional collaboratives with the primary goal of integrating public health and physical health at the local level.
- Regional collaboratives will also help create linkages between primary care providers and ancillary providers to improve care coordination.
- Idaho will also support care coordination efforts by providing technical assistance to participating providers to improve use of electronic health records (EHRs) and help PCMHs connect to the Idaho Health Data Exchange.
- Medicaid and the three largest commercial insurers in Idaho have been engaged to participate in the model.
- Idaho will establish aligned payment methodologies for all payers to support PCMH practices with a per-member per-month (PMPM) rate to compensate for additional required services. Idaho will also implement a payment model that ties payment to performance on selected quality measures.

For more information on the CMS SIM Model Test Award in Idaho, contact Cynthia York, SIM Project Director, at YorkC@dhw.idaho.gov.



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