

Summary of Proposed Initiatives Impacting Pediatric Populations and Providers in Colorado's State Innovation Model Test 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 test State Health Care Innovation Plans.
- With the combined support of \$622 million, states awarded these Model Test funds are putting in place strategies to transform health care delivery systems primarily through multi-payer payment reform.
- 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 Colorado

Colorado will receive up to \$65 million to implement and test its State Health Care Innovation Plan, called "The Colorado Framework." The primary goal of Colorado's SIM plan is to integrate primary care and behavioral health services for children and adults at the community level and to transition towards value-based payments for 80% of Colorado's clinicians by 2019.

Colorado also plans to expand the use of health information technology, including telehealth, to complete its statewide population health plan. The SIM funding will specifically help Colorado provide integrated primary and behavioral health care services through coordinated community systems, which will include more than 400 primary care practices and community mental health centers with approximately 1,600 primary care providers. To achieve its goals, Colorado will focus on building a robust partnership between public health, behavioral health, and primary care systems.

Implications for Pediatrics

Impact on Children:

- The population health component of Colorado's SIM plan includes using Population Health Transformation Collaboratives to support community-level transformation efforts. Collaboratives will include a Child Mental Health Coordinator to develop population health initiatives geared towards the prevention and early identification of young children's mental health issues.
- Colorado's SIM plan contains a set of 12 population health measures to assist the state in tracking progress on its population health targets for adult and pediatric populations. Measures address conditions such as obesity, depression, diabetes, child development, and asthma. The state recognizes these conditions affect children and adults and will work to develop pediatric specific measures where applicable.

Impact on Participating Providers:

- By 2019, Colorado plans for most payers to pay practices for providing integrated primary care and behavioral health programs in shared risk and savings programs. Additionally, the state plans to provide integrated practices with a global or capitated payment for comprehensive primary care.
- The state will recruit practices through phases. The first cohort of practices will include participants with the most capacity for transformation including pediatric practices and others participating in other initiatives such as the Comprehensive Primary Care initiative or grant-funded integrated care pilots.
- The state will dedicate funding to practice transformation resources such as training, administration, and practice facilitation to help practices integrate behavioral health and primary care.
- Colorado plans to provide practices with monthly reports on quality measures and other analytics to support their transformation efforts.

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