

# Summary of Proposed Initiatives Impacting Pediatric Populations and Providers in Delaware'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 Delaware

Delaware will receive up to \$35 million to implement and test its State Health Care Innovation Plan. Through its SIM award, Delaware plans to transform its healthcare payment and delivery system and meet ambitious goals that include becoming one of the top five healthiest states in the nation; being in the top 10% of states on health care quality and patient experiences; and reducing the growth of health care costs by 1-2%. Delaware has outlined several key initiatives that will occur through its SIM model to achieve these goals, including the following:

1. Launch a statewide "Healthy Neighborhoods" program to support ten communities to identify health priorities and implement targeted interventions.
2. Transform the state's primary care system to focus on integrating primary and behavioral health care.
3. Align payers on value-based purchasing initiatives that target both child and adult Medicaid and Medicare populations.
4. Use enhanced health information technology (HIT) to develop a common cross-payer scorecard of core measures available to clinicians to ensure a common focus on care and provide the state the ability to track progress on the measures. The scorecard may focus on performance and outcome measures surrounding care improvement, cost reduction, and transformation and include pay-for-performance measures.

## Implications for Pediatrics

### *Impact on Children:*

- The state's population health scorecard will include measures that focus on important child wellness and prevention priorities.
- To reinforce the focus on children's health, the common provider scorecard will include pediatric care improvement measures that may include pediatric weight assessment and counseling, HbA1c testing for children, childhood immunization status, avoiding the use of antibiotics in children and adults with upper respiratory infections, and oral fluoride supplementation for pediatric patients.
- The SIM program will support the current [A. I. DuPont Hospital for Children initiative](#) to implement a patient-centered medical home (PCMH) model for children with asthma.
- The state seeks to attribute all state citizens, including children, to a primary care physician by the end of the program in 2017.

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## Implications for Pediatrics (continued)

### *Impact on Participating Providers:*

Much of Delaware's plan focuses on enhancing its primary care system to provide integrated, whole-person care to patients. As such, primary care providers may be impacted and supported in the following ways:

- Providers will have access to a common scorecard that will allow them to track their performance on specified costs and quality measures across all payers. Performance on scorecards will be tied to payment.
- The state will use SIM grant funding to support primary care practices to implement integrated, team-based care models using value-based payments. Primary care practices will also receive care coordination payments from payers through either per-member per-month fees or CPT codes.
- Delaware will provide workforce training on delivering integrated primary and behavioral health care through simulation-based learning models, local workshops on team-based care, statewide symposia, and developing core competencies for roles such as care coordinators.
- Each of Delaware's ten healthy communities will include schools, employers, community organizations, behavioral health providers, primary care physicians, and at least one health system. Additionally, each will be required to partner with a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) resulting in nearly all FQHCs in Delaware participating in the program.

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