

The Maryland Primary Care Program

Overview: The State proposed to CMS a voluntary Maryland Primary Care Program (MDPCP) to support the delivery of advanced primary care throughout the State and allow community providers to play an increasingly important role in improving health outcomes, and controlling total health care spending growth.



Key Elements

Five Primary Care Functions	
1. Access to Care	4. Patient and Caregiver Experience
2. Care Management	5. Planned Care and Population Health
3. Comprehensiveness and Coordination	

Focus on Practice Transformation and Care Redesign:

MDPCP would include two tracks with incrementally advanced care delivery requirements and payment options for practice participation.

Payment Redesign: CMS would provide funding directly to practices and CTOs through several mechanisms, including:

	Care Management Fee (PBPM)*	Performance-Based Incentive Payment (PBPM)*	Underlying Payment Structure
<u>Track 1</u>	Payment: \$14 average; \$6-50 Timing: Paid prospectively quarterly	Payment: \$2.50 opportunity Timing: Paid prospectively annually	Payment: Standard FFS Timing: Regular Medicare FFS claims payment
<u>Track 2</u>	Payment: \$28 average; \$9-100	Payment: \$4.00 opportunity Timing: Paid prospectively annually	Payment: Comprehensive Primary Care Payment (CPCP) + Reduced FFS Timing: CPCP paid prospectively quarterly

Support to Practices – Care Transformation Organizations (CTOs):

CTOs would be a key feature of the program and would provide support via care management personnel, infrastructure, and technical assistance. Providers would not be required to contract with and receive services from CTOs, though the State expects many providers would benefit from the education and technical assistance tailored to their needs.

Learning System:

Participant practices would be assisted and guided through the specific requirements of advanced primary care transformation via a Learning System administered by CMS. The State will provide additional learning supports.

Data:

Medicare data would be provided to practices to assist in processes like risk stratification and provider referrals to address the needs of their patient panels.

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*PBPM – Per Beneficiary Per Month