

Update on Federal Community Health Access and Rural Transformation Model (CHART) Model Funding Opportunity and Washington's Application Approach

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Agenda

- ▶ Provide update on CHART planning updates and timeline
- ▶ Questions and next steps

Spotlight on Rural Health

- ▶ Increasing interest in improving population health and sustaining access to care in rural communities, nationally and in Washington State
 - ▶ Critical Access Hospital closures nationally
 - ▶ Smaller rural hospitals paid on volume, and face different financial challenges than urban counterparts
- ▶ Rural communities face older populations, greater health disparities, health inequities and social challenges
- ▶ Health care utilization patterns changing, varies by community

Overview Community Health Access & Transformation (CHART) Model

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI) funding opportunity to assist rural providers transform care on a broad scale to achieve the following goals:

- ▶ Improve access to care in rural areas
- ▶ Improve quality of care and health outcomes for rural beneficiaries
- ▶ Increase adoption of alternative payment models (APMs) among rural providers
- ▶ Improve rural provider financial sustainability

Who are the CHART Participants?

- ▶ Lead organization
 - ▶ State Medicaid Agency, Office of Rural Health, other eligible entities
 - ▶ Oversee population health redesign, design and implementation of Medicaid model, recruitment of other health plans, hospitals and Advisory Council
- ▶ A defined community
 - ▶ Encompass **either** (1) a single county or census tract; **or** (2) a set of contiguous or non-contiguous counties or census tracts. Each county or census tract must be classified as rural, as defined by the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy's grant program eligibility criterion.
 - ▶ Include **at least** 10,000 Medicare Fee-for-Service (FFS) beneficiaries with a primary residence located within the Community.
- ▶ An Advisory Council to develop a population health plan for the defined community
- ▶ Participating rural hospitals (Critical Access Hospitals and other acute care hospitals in rural areas)
 - ▶ Agree to new Medicare Fee-For-Service capitated model
 - ▶ Agree to new Medicaid payment model
 - ▶ Agree to commercial health plan model

Key Facts and Dates

- ▶ 15 Lead Organizations will be selected and receive up to \$5 million
- ▶ 7 years (pre-implementation period starts 6/2021, plus 6 performance periods)
- ▶ Medicare payment model starts 7/2022, Medicaid payment model not required to start until 6/2023
- ▶ Optional Letter of Intent due February 16, 2021 (optional)
- ▶ Applications due March 16, 2021

Why CHART

- ▶ Builds on existing work and hospital interest in prospective payment models
- ▶ Build on existing Medicaid Transformation Project strategies and foundation
- ▶ Opportunity to work with Medicare and \$
 - ▶ Medicare participation essential to rural transformation
 - ▶ Operational flexibilities
- ▶ Opportunity to innovate on Medicaid and other payers
 - ▶ Streamline existing Medicaid incentives and provide new incentives
- ▶ Targeted data and analytic TA from state
- ▶ Exciting opportunity to test a new innovative model

Proposed Approach

- ▶ North Central, Greater Columbia, Cascade Pacific and Better Health Together regional areas of interest for defined community or communities
- ▶ Medicare and Medicaid lives and spend, ACH interest, hospital interest in innovation, transformation, prospective and predictable payment models
- ▶ Continue working with stakeholders and key partners
 - ▶ DOH Office of Rural Health, DSHS, hospitals, associations
- ▶ Tribal participation in CHART
 - ▶ Serve on Advisory Council
 - ▶ Participate in planning process
 - ▶ What else?

Next steps: Required Application Elements (due mid-March)

- ▶ Community defined (2 or 3 ACH regions)
- ▶ Participating hospitals have 10k Medicare lives
- ▶ Advisory Council named
- ▶ Care Transformation approach
- ▶ Medicaid payment model construct
- ▶ Letter of interest (LOI) from at least ONE participating hospital
- ▶ Letters of Support

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