State Directed Payment Evaluation Findings Template

As indicated in the preprint, states must “describe prior year(s) evaluation findings and the payment arrangement’s impact on the goal(s) and objective(s) in the states quality strategy” in “any year other than Year 1 of a multi-year effort.” By providing evaluation data for each year of the payment arrangement, states will be able to understand the impact of the payment arrangement over time.

States may use the tables below to provide evaluation findings in their renewal preprints. The **tables are optional** but encompass CMS’ expectations for what states include when sharing evaluation findings and describing their evaluation methodology.

Table 1. Washington ’s Evaluation Findings for WA_VBP_BHO , Contract Rating Years 2025-2027

Metric Name	Baseline Year	Baseline Statistic	Performance Target	Evaluation Data									
				2023 – 2023	2024 – 2024	20 – 20	20 – 20	20 – 20	20 – 20	20 – 20	20 – 20	20 – 20	20 – 20
FUM - 30 day, total	CY 2024	86.0%	≥ 86.0%	87.6%	86.0%								
PCR - Observed rate	CY 2024	29.0%	≤ 29.0%	29.8%	29.0%								

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Table 2. Washington 's Evaluation for WA_VBP_BHO

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Evaluation metrics	
Please share the data source(s) and year(s) of data used to calculate the evaluation metrics.	The evaluation metrics are calculated using validated claims data from providers participating in the directed payment. The data source is the Medicaid claims system, and results are based on the most recent complete years of data. Currently only 2 full years are available.
Please confirm that the data used to calculate the evaluation metrics was limited to Medicaid managed care enrollees.	Yes
Please confirm that the data used to calculate the evaluation metrics was limited to providers participating in the payment arrangement.	Yes, the MY 2026 evaluation plan has been updated to use data limited to participating providers, which resulted in changes to the baselines and targets from the initial submission
Evaluation methodology	
Please identify the entity conducting the evaluation.	Washington Health Care Authority, the state's medicaid agency, with RN
Please describe the analytic methods used to understand the impact of the payment arrangement. For example, comparison groups, pre-post study design, etc.	Because this is the first year of the directed payment, a review of the most recent available data was used to establish baselines and targets. In subsequent years, analytic methods will include a pre/post trend analysis to assess performance relative to the established baseline, supplemented by comparisons to statewide rates to provide additional context for evaluating impact
Please share any limitations of the state's evaluation plan.	A key limitation in evaluating the impact of the directed payment is the difficulty in isolating its specific effects from other influences on provider performance. Because the evaluation relies on a pre/post trend analysis and comparisons to statewide performance, results may reflect factors beyond the payment

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Findings	
Please share the state's assessment of the impact of this payment arrangement.	The directed payment went into effect on 07/01/2025, so its impact has not yet been assessed. In updating baselines and targets based on the performance of only participating providers, the state reviewed two years of recent data to understand historical performance. This review also informed slight updates to the evaluation measures: the PCR measure was shifted from the O/E ratio to the total observed rate due to challenges with data accuracy and risk adjustment for the SMI population. Based on historical performance, the targets for FUM and PCR have been set to meet or exceed the performance of the baseline year. This approach
Please share any relevant context (e.g., changes to the managed care program) that may have impacted the evaluation results	N/A – This directed payment went into effect on 01/01/2025, so impacts have not yet been evaluated
For all evaluation metrics that did not improve over baseline, please share any plans the state has to address declining performance.	N/A – This directed payment went into effect on 01/01/2025, so impacts have not yet been evaluated