

Mission & Vision

Mission: To improve health outcomes for Pennsylvania residents and communities by changing how we pay for, deliver, and coordinate health and health care.

Vision: To improve the health of all Pennsylvanians.

Background

In December 2014, Pennsylvania was granted a \$3 million award by the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI). Pennsylvania is one of 38 total awardees in this CMMI program (known as the State Innovation Models Initiative), which includes 34 states, three territories, and the District of Columbia. Under this initiative, CMMI enters cooperative agreements with states to design and implement plans for multi-payer, health and health care delivery system transformation. Through these awards, states explore ways to develop innovative payment and delivery models, improve population health, develop the health care workforce to support new care models, and leverage health information technology to accelerate transformation.

The Commonwealth will be utilizing this funding to develop a comprehensive plan – known as the Health Innovation in Pennsylvania (HIP) Plan – that will address health care delivery transformation, payment reform, the use of health information technology, population health, and workforce planning across Pennsylvania. HIP planning is led by Governor Wolf with strong engagement across state agencies as well as private sector stakeholders.

Moving Innovation Forward

Supported by Governor Tom Wolf, Pennsylvania's HIP plan, once implemented, will lead to better health, better care, and smarter spending for Pennsylvanians and communities across the Commonwealth.

The effort to transform health care in Pennsylvania is one of the largest of its kind and is guided by the principle that collaboration is key to making it happen across payers, providers, health systems, public health, business leaders, foundations, consumer groups, academic health centers, community-based agencies, professional health associations, and state agencies.

Strategies

Pennsylvania is exploring multiple areas to improve the health of Pennsylvanians. The key strategies include:

- ◇ **Increasing value-based payment for health care services.** PA will promote the transition from fee-for-service, volume-based health care to value-based payments that reward quality outcomes. The move will incentivize health care providers to focus on improving population health as well as health care delivery.
- ◇ **Enhancing price and quality transparency.** PA will explore ways to inform health care consumers regarding the price and quality of health care services. Like other states, PA will examine consumer-friendly tools that provide consumers with data on price and quality in order to allow for informed health care decisions.
- ◇ **Improving rural health care services.** PA will explore ways to improve health care for residents living in rural areas in a manner that is sustainable and better serves the health needs of local populations.



Reform in Pennsylvania will be supported by investments in:

- ◇ Payment Reform
- ◇ Price & Quality Transparency
- ◇ Health Care Transformation
- ◇ Health Information Technology
- ◇ Population Health

The Case for Change

Despite the resources devoted to health care, Pennsylvania consumers often face a fragmented system that does not perform well or lead to healthy outcomes.

Pennsylvania is ninth in the nation for high health care costs. The Commonwealth has high emergency department utilization rates, especially for non-urgent conditions; a relatively high rate of hospital readmissions, and significant racial, ethnic, and economic health disparities.