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# Connie's Clips

## Momentum Keeps Building in Support of Value-based Care

Significant growth has occurred in the number of states implementing value-based care models in the last five years. according to a 2019 update report released from Change Healthcare, a total of 48 states have committed to payment reform nationwide, including the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

**“The Federal Government’s role in driving these changes is highly visible due to the nationwide impact; however, state-initiated efforts are in many cases an equal if not surpassing force in transforming the healthcare industry.”**

The report notes that based on its findings, more advanced healthcare payment strategies implemented by the states will ultimately drive commercial markets.

Just three months after CMS announced the Pathways to Success Final Rule for the Medicare Shared Savings Program, CMS speaks again. The momentum keeps building from the Federal Government. On April 22nd, HHS Secretary Alex Azar and CMS Administrator Seema Verma announced five new primary care payment models designed to incentivize the entire healthcare system to transition to value-based care, especially for patients with complex, chronic, and high-need conditions.

Developed by the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI), “The CMS Primary Cares Initiative is designed to transform primary care by paying providers for outcomes rather than services in Medicare Fee For Service (FFS),” Azar said. “The new models are voluntary,” Verma added. “The plan is supported by the AMA, the American Academy of Family Physicians (AFP), and the Physician-Focused Payment Model Technical Advisory Committee.”

“This initiative is specifically designed to encourage state Medicaid programs and commercial payers to adopt similar approaches,” said Azar, who called it “the pivotal, hockey stick moment in paying for value in American healthcare.”

Community Care Alliance (CCA), your value-based network home, is currently evaluating these programs so stay tuned for a detailed update. In other news, we’re waiting for CMS’ approval for our Western ACO application for entering the Pathways to Success program, and we have Anthem and the Valley Health Alliance employer consortium value-based agreements in the works.

It’s time to consider jumping on board CCA, even if you’re a CPC+ multi-payor Anthem participant (excluding Mesa County practitioners). Value-based momentum is building... join CCA now!

If you’d like to speak with a CEO about their experience, feel free to reach out to any of the following participants:

[Dave Ressler](#), Aspen Valley Hospital CEO and CCA Board Chair

[Jason Cleckler](#), Delta Memorial Hospital CEO and San Juan ACO Board Chair

[Ken Harman](#), Pioneers Medical Center CEO and Rocky Mountain ACO Board Chair

Or, you may [contact me, Connie Mack](#) directly and I’d be happy to share more.