

# Medicaid Innovation Accelerator Program (IAP)

**Information Session:  
Value-Based Payment  
and Financial  
Simulations**

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# Welcome!

- Tim Hill, Deputy Center Director,  
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# IAP Team for Value-Based Payment and Financial Simulations

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# Polling Question #1

## Poll of Call Participants (organizational affiliation)

- State Medicaid agency
- State mental health and/or substance use agency
- Other state agency
- Health care provider
- Health plan/managed care organization
- Advocacy organization
- Other

# Agenda for Today's Call

- What is the Medicaid Innovation Accelerator Program?
- Overview of Value-Based Payment and Financial Simulations (VBPFs) Technical Support Available to State Medicaid Agencies
- How to Apply for Technical Support
- Next Steps



# What is the Medicaid Innovation Accelerator Program (IAP)?

# Medicaid IAP

- Four year commitment by CMS to build state capacity and support ongoing innovation in Medicaid through targeted technical assistance\*
- A CMMI-funded program that is led by and lives in CMCS
- Supports states' and HHS delivery system reform efforts
  - The end goal for IAP is to increase the number of states moving towards delivery system reform across program priorities
- Not a grant program; targeted technical assistance

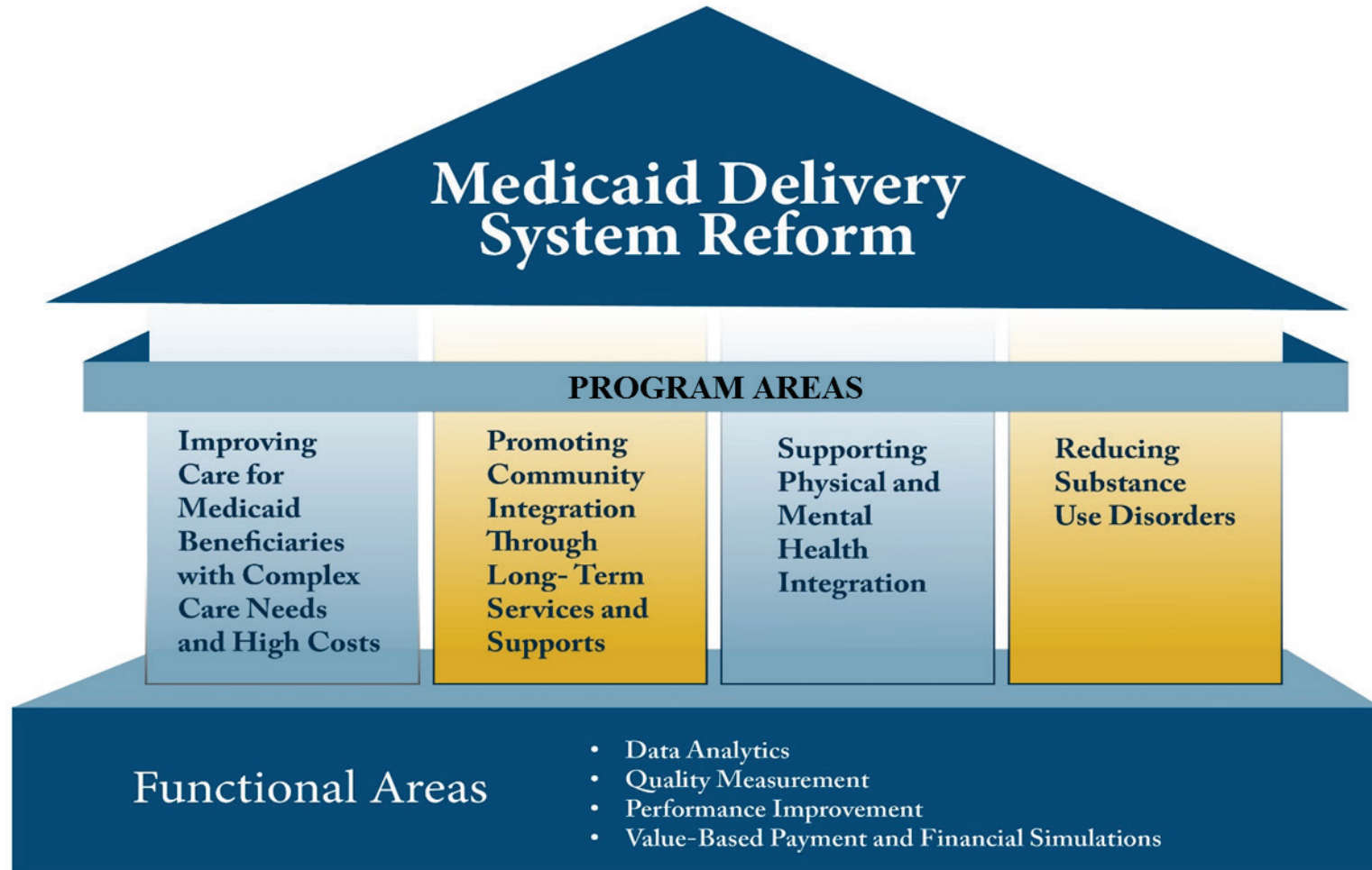
\*IAP refers to “technical assistance” as “support,” “program support” or “technical support”.



# How Do We Define Success Across IAP?

- Has participation in IAP led to increased delivery system reform in the IAP program priority areas/populations?
- Has IAP increased states' capacity to make substantial improvements in:
  - Better care, smarter spending, healthier people?
- Has IAP built states' capacity in the following areas:
  - Data analytics, quality measurement, performance improvement, value-based payment and financial simulations?

# IAP Program and Functional Areas





# **Overview of Value-Based Payment and Financial Simulations (VBPFS) Technical Support Available to State Medicaid Agencies**

# Goals for Value-Based Payment and Financial Simulations Technical Support

Support states as they develop new payment models, and/or enhance and expand existing state Medicaid payment reform efforts.

# How will we accomplish these goals?

- Offer targeted technical support to state Medicaid agencies in designing, developing and/or implementing VBP approaches.
  - VBP Definition: Payment models that range from rewarding for performance in fee-for-service to capitation, including alternative payment models and comprehensive population-based payments.
- Provide support to conduct financial simulations and forecasts that analyze the financial impact of these payment and delivery strategies.

# Types of Technical Support

- **Strategic design:** Drilling down to states' payment model goals, objectives, and technical support needs
- **Development** of VBP approaches in Medicaid
- Assistance in **implementation** of an agreed-upon VBP approach in Medicaid
- Assistance in conducting **financial simulations** of state-developed VBP approaches.

# Technical Support May Include

- Strategic design
  - Example: Help states assess their VBP options
- Developing VBP approaches
  - Example: Help identify the appropriate legal authority for implementing VBP approaches in FFS and Medicaid managed care
- Implementing VBP approaches
  - Example: Tailored assistance creating provider technical assistance and training materials, including decision-making tools
- Assistance in conducting financial simulations
  - Example: Develop tools, methodologies that enhance states' expert knowledge and technical proficiency.

# Examples of VBP Activities

States can seek support for one or more of VBP activities.

These include, but are not limited to:

- Shared savings and shared risk methodologies
- Bundled payments and episodes of care
- Pay-for-performance (P4P) approaches
- Per-member per-month payments or advanced Primary Care Medical Homes (PCMH)
- Use of contractual or other vehicles to advance implementation
- Alignment across VBP approaches in fee-for-service (FFS) and managed care
- Monitoring of VBP approach outcomes
- Alignment with the HHS VBP goals , HHS Health Care Payment Learning and Action Network's (HCPLAN) APM framework and Medicare Access & CHIP Reauthorization Act's (MACRA) Quality Payment Program (QPP)



# Polling Question #2

## (State Medicaid Participants Only)

Which type of VBP activity are you most interested in developing/implementing? (you may select more than one)

- Shared savings and shared risk methodologies
- Bundled payments and episodes of care
- Pay-for-performance (P4P) models
- Per member per month payments (PMPMs) or advanced Primary Care Medical Homes
- Use of contractual or other vehicles to implement VBP Modeling
- Use of contractual or other vehicles to implement financial simulation
- Monitoring and reporting strategies
- Alignment with the HHS VBP goals, HCPLAN APM framework and MACRA QPP

# Technical Support Team

We will form a support team specific to each state's needs.

- IAP VBP lead (single point of contact for state)
- Medicaid policy experts
- Subject-Matter experts
- Research analysts
- Data management experts
- Financial simulation experts

# Technical Support Components

Component	Timeframe	State Participation
State selection and initial expectation discussions	January-May 2017	Rolling state office hours
Kick off and strategic planning for selected states	Once selected	Regular strategic planning meetings
Individualized program support with assigned IAP VBP lead and team of technical support experts	February 2017 ongoing	Regular correspondence about support provided and using assistance tools/materials. One hour calls, monthly or more frequently as needed.
Educational webinars about VBP and financial simulations	March 2017 ongoing	Periodic, topics developed with state input
Periodic peer-to-peer affinity groups	On going	TBD, as identified by state needs

# Polling Question #3

## (State Medicaid Officials Only)

What issues or topics regarding the development of VBP approaches are most challenging for your state? (you may select more than one)

- Identifying, stratifying and/or targeting discrete population(s)
- Identifying which type of VBP to develop
- Understanding how to work with Managed Care Organizations
- Identifying and implementing payment strategies
- Improving coordination across providers, systems
- Improving data and forecasting the impact of the VBP approach using financial simulation modeling
- Working/understanding CMCS requirements/regulations
- Other



# How to Apply for Value-Based Payment and Financial Simulation Technical Support

# Technical Support Overview

1. Submit an Expression of Interest
2. Participate in a virtual office hours meeting
3. Selected states will receive technical support
4. Support will last 1-12 months

# Applying for Technical Support

- Expression of Interest Form  
<https://www.medicaid.gov/state-resource-center/innovation-accelerator-program/innovation-accelerator-program.html>
- State Selection Factors
- Key Dates
- Where to go with questions or for more information

**IAP** Medicaid Innovation Accelerator Program

**Program Support for States  
Alternative Payment Models and Financial Simulations  
Expression of Interest Form**

The purpose of this expression of interest form is to help IAP with the selection process by getting a better sense of your state's current and planned efforts to design, develop and implement in Alternative Payment Models (APM) in Medicaid fee-for-service (FFS) and Value-Based Purchasing in state Medicaid managed care programs. Technical support is available for states that have interest in expanding APMs and VBPs within any of the four IAP program priority areas for implementation in their fee-for-service and/or managed care programs. The four IAP program priority areas are: (1) reducing substance use disorders (SUD), (2) improving care for Medicaid beneficiaries with complex care needs and high cost (BCHA), (3) promoting community integration through long-term services and supports (CLTSS), and (4) supporting physical and mental health integration (PMHI).

**I. General Information**

Name of your state and Medicaid agency: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Please indicate the following:

1. The State Medicaid Director acknowledges that the state is seeking this IAP technical support.  
 Yes  No
2. The State Medicaid Director acknowledges that the team has or will have sufficient staff time and resources committed to this effort.  
 Yes  No

Please provide contact information for the State Medicaid Agency team's Project Lead who will lead this work day-to-day, not including the State Medicaid Director (SMD):

	Information
Name	<a href="#">Click here to enter text.</a>
Title	<a href="#">Click here to enter text.</a>
Email Address	<a href="#">Click here to enter text.</a>
Phone Number	<a href="#">Click here to enter text.</a>

\* Note: It is assumed that the State Medicaid Director will remain engaged and play an important role in this work, but will not be responsible for day-to-day management of the work. Another member of the State Medicaid agency's senior leadership team should be designated as the project manager.

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# State Selection Factors

- Team Composition
  - Commitment from State Medicaid program leadership
  - Designation of State Medicaid IAP program lead
  - Acknowledgement that team members will have sufficient time and resources for this effort
- Evidence that Medicaid payment reform is a priority
- Ability to clearly articulate VBP goals and technical support needs
- Capacity to begin work shortly after selection



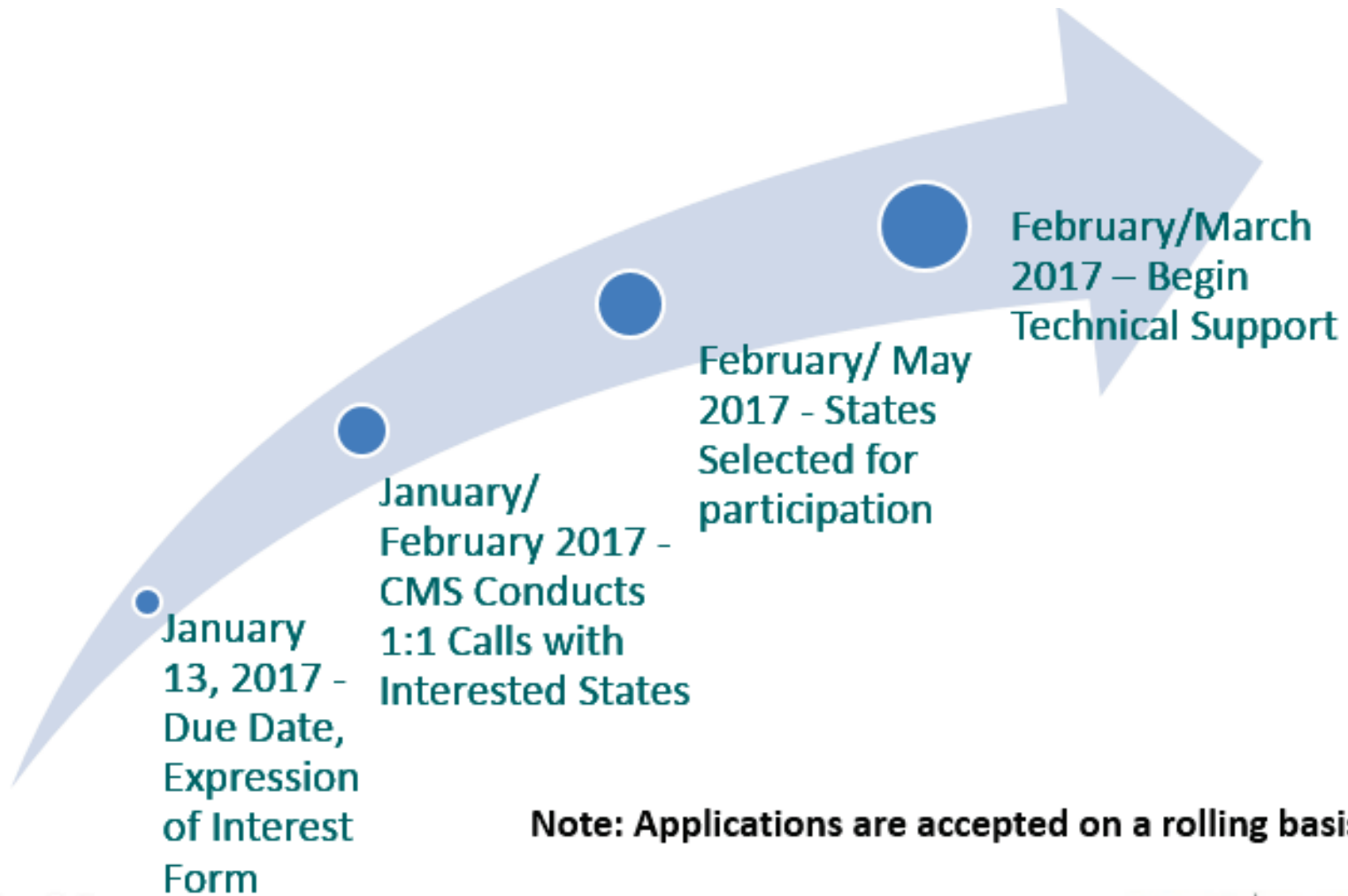
# Examples of States That Could Benefit from Technical Support

- Who are in early stages of developing their VBP approach and would like to further refine or accelerate their process
- With existing programs, (e.g., Health Homes or Shared Savings) and who are interested in developing or improving VBP strategies
- Who want to use VBP approaches to spread the model to other populations, areas of the state, provider types (Note: Medicaid waivers may be required)
- Interested in developing VBP approaches with MCOs
- With VBP approaches that seek to improve or enhance aspects of these programs (e.g. financial modeling and simulation)

# Benefits to States

- Expert policy guidance tailored to states' unique circumstances
- Access to technical support resources
- State affinity groups or webinars, where appropriate
- Financial simulation guidance to forecast impacts
- Improving technical skills for staff via tools

# Key Dates



**Note: Applications are accepted on a rolling basis**



# Next Steps

# Visit Our Medicaid.gov page:

<https://www.medicaid.gov/state-resource-center/innovation-accelerator-program/innovation-accelerator-program.html>

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## State Resources

**Innovation Accelerator Program**

[News and Activity](#)

[IAP Commentary](#)

[Reducing Substance Use Disorders](#)

[Beneficiaries with Complex Needs](#)

[Community Integration – Long-Term Services and Supports](#)

[Physical and Mental Health Integration](#)

## Medicaid Innovation Accelerator Program (IAP)

CMS launched the Medicaid Innovation Accelerator Program (IAP) in July 2014 with the goal of improving health and health care for Medicaid beneficiaries by supporting states' efforts to accelerate new payment and service delivery reforms.

Through these improvements, we can reduce costs for the Medicaid program and, by extension, the health system more generally. The IAP will enhance CMS's wide ranging efforts to improve care by supporting system-wide payment and delivery system reform innovation. We are using the IAP to work closely with states, consumers, and health providers on these critical issues through technical assistance, tools development and cross-state and national learning opportunities.

Through the IAP, we are building on lessons and recommendations we have heard from our state partners for specific opportunities to advance innovation, and we will develop strategically targeted resources and technical assistance that states can leverage to accelerate Medicaid-focused innovations to transform health care.

**IAP** | Medicaid Innovation Accelerator Program

### Related Resources

[The Innovation Center](#)

[Medicare-Medicaid Coordination Office](#)

# Questions?

- Email [MedicaidIAP@CMS.HHS.gov](mailto:MedicaidIAP@CMS.HHS.gov) and include subject line “VBP and Financial Simulations”
- Watch for emails from CMS for additional information

# Webinar Questions or Comments?

**Written:** Use the chat box to send in your written question.

**Verbal:** Use the chat box to let us know you have a verbal question and we will unmute your phone line.

# Polling Question #4

Based on what you heard, is your state interested in applying for the value-based payment and financial simulations program?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure



# Thank You!

Thank you for joining today's webinar.

Please take a moment to complete a short feedback survey.