



Health Record and Payment Integration Program Advisory Committee Draft Recommendations Subcommittee

December 19, 2018

Meeting Summary

Key discussion items include:

- The subcommittee acknowledged that there have been considerable investments made by health care organizations in Maryland and the nation to implement health information technology that aims to increase efficiencies and improve quality of care delivery. Participants noted that there could be potential long-term savings by investing in a health record and payment integration program; however, investment costs (though hard to define) would need to be quantified to begin exploring a potential return on investment (ROI) model.
- The subcommittee generally agreed that uncertainties and trade-offs need to be explored thoroughly to inform the development of policy and potential legislation that balances interests and protects existing investments by all stakeholders. Participants also acknowledged the need to align any new efforts with those at the federal level.
- The subcommittee generally agrees that more evaluation is needed to justify incorporating claims data into the State-Designated Health Information Exchange, particularly as it relates to legal issues, such as governance of the data, as well as identifying the unique value proposition to stakeholders for specific use cases.
- The subcommittee acknowledged federal and State policy that has promoted adoption of electronic health records (EHR) over the last decade, and how there could be some benefit of establishing a free web-based portal for providers to create and maintain health records and file for payment of services rendered. Given existing investments in EHR technology, variation in EHR attributes among different specialties, and that such a solution could potentially be desired by less than 10 percent physicians¹, the workgroup decided that there was minimum benefit in developing, implementing, and maintaining an EHR solution at this time.
- There continued to be general consensus that no statutory change is needed to accelerate the adjudication of clean claims or reduce timely filing requirements for providers.
- *Upcoming Meeting: The full Advisory Committee will convene at MHCC offices on Thursday, January 24, 2019 to discuss informal draft recommendations.*

¹ Estimated based on electronic health record adoption data collected by the Maryland Board of Physicians.