

Maryland Primary Care Program (MDPCP) Advisory Council

Meeting Takeaways

March 28, 2023 | 5:00pm – 6:30pm

Participants

- Michael Barr, *MEDIS, LLC*
- Robert Berenson, *The Urban Institute*
- Scott Berkowitz, *Johns Hopkins*
- Kenneth Buczynski, *Wellspring Family Medicine*
- Willem Daniel, *Health Services Cost Review Commission*
- Allan Field, *Retired Health Care Executive/Consultant*
- Kevin Hayes, *Consultant*
- Debora Kuchka-Craig, *MedStar*
- Peter LoPresti, *University of Maryland Medical System*
- Nkem Okeke, *Medicalincs*
- Chad Perman, *MDPCP Program Management Office (PMO)*
- Gene Ransom, *MedChi*
- Michael Riebman, *Maryland Primary Care Physicians*
- Tricia Roddy, *Medicaid*
- Laura Russell, *Maryland Hospital Association*
- David Sharp, *Maryland Health Care Commission (MHCC)*
- Ben Steffen, *MHCC*
- James Trumble, *Tidal Health*

Key Discussion Items

- The MDPCP PMO provided an update on the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Innovation's (CMMI) response to the annual report recommendations and overviewed priority elements for the future of the MDPCP
- The Council deliberated on priorities to consider in planning for the future of the MDPCP:
 - Spending level/ investment — enhanced primary care investment sufficient to sustainably address medical, behavioral, and social needs of patients
 - Payments — hybrid payment model including fee for service and population-based payment
 - Financial risk — limited risk and risk sharing by larger entities
 - Payer alignment — multi-payer alignment on payments, quality measures, and data to reduce administrative burden

- Participation and eligibility – allow for additional application periods for new practices to join
- Performance measurement – use simple, easily captured, meaningful performance data
- Policy and State leadership – additional shifting of policymaking and operations from CMMI to the State
- Care transformation organizations – participation with guardrails and modifications to enhance care transformation support, effectiveness, and accountability