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Payment				
<u></u>	Payment	and outside of the office. Practices focused on caring for patients with complex chronic needs and the seriously ill receive increased payments to support their care for these patient populations.  Total Primary Care Payment (TPCP): The TPCP will largely replace practices' traditional FFS billing for primary care services. It includes two elements, a lump-sum professional population based payment (PBP) paid on a quarterly basis and a flat base rate per visit primary care fee:	Total Monthly Payment: Practices are paid to deliver advanced primary care in and outside of the office. Practices focused on caring for patients with complex chronic needs and the seriously ill receive increased payments to support their care for these patient populations.  Total Primary Care Payment (TPCP): The TPCP will largely replace practices' traditional FFS billing for primary care services. It includes two elements, a lump-sum professional population-based payment (PBP) paid on a quarterly basis and a flat base rate per-visit primary care fee:  #1 - PBP - beneficiaries will be attributed to the practice based on their individual hierarchical condition category (HCC) risk score with the highest complex tier including top 10% HCC and behavioral	<ul> <li>Increase annually at same rate as E&amp;M fee schedule</li> <li>Flat rate is not reflective of the actual cost of care; distribution between the PBP and flat rate payment matters</li> <li>Increase the PBPM and raise the payment ceiling overall</li> <li>Ensure incentive is designed not to reward providers for avoiding treatment of high-risk beneficiary visits</li> </ul>

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	primary care fee  TPCP will include some adjustments to account for variations in cost of care to encourage practices to actively manage their attributed patients to limit their need to seek care from other primary care practices, including a geographic adjustment, risk adjustment, and leakage penalty.	will be 5 tiers in alignment with MDPCP.  Need Council recommendation on payment based on beneficiary level vs	<ul> <li>Base flat rate on current Level 3 E&amp;M visit for the year of implementation and adjusted annually</li> <li>Complete financial modeling to inform payment levels</li> </ul>

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_	Performance Based Adjustment	Performance-Based Adjustment (PBA): Practices are motivated to reduce acute hospital utilization (AHU) to reduce total costs of care, while meeting quality and experience of care thresholds.  Performance-Based Payment Potential (Approximate % of Primary Care Revenue): The PBA has two components: a regional performance bonus and a continuous improvement bonus. Practices can receive up to 34% upside bonus or a -10% downside penalty through the regional performance adjustment. Practices can earn up to a 16% bonus through the continuous improvement bonus. The regional performance adjustment and the continuous improvement bonus are added together to determine a practice's quarterly PBA.  During the practice's first year of participation in the model, the PBA will be determined based on performance on the AHU measure only. The AHU measure will be calculated quarterly	Performance-Based Adjustment (PBA): Practices are motivated to reduce ambulatory sensitive ED and hospital admission to reduce total costs of care, while meeting quality and experience of care thresholds.  The PBA is an adjustment to the quarterly Performance-Based Payment Potential (Approximate percentage of Primary Care Revenue): Practices can receive up to 34% upside bonus or a -10% downside penalty through adjustments made based on quality and utilization achievement or improvement against national benchmarks. Practices can earn up to a 16% bonus under the continuous improvement bonus.  The matrix of adjustments to the PBA will include at a minimum three quality measures aligned with the Maryland State Health Improvement Strategy, one measure of patient assessment of comprehensive care and measures of PQI elimination performance.	<ul> <li>Simplification of formulas and reduction of administrative burden is important for participation, particularly for small practices</li> <li>Downside risk for practices in high-risk communities could be a barrier to participation</li> <li>Practice assessment of technology/EHR utilization should help inform readiness to advance to next track (and practice transformation)</li> <li>PCF requires practices to have 2015 CEHRT – all MDPCP practices currently meet this requirement; functionality varies for those solutions – another level of capability requirements is needed</li> <li>Need for budget neutrality should be addressed to ensure that bonuses for primary care practices do not have a negative impact on overall TCOC</li> <li>Referral rates may be more accurate than hospital utilization rates for measuring cost savings</li> </ul>

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		back period and applied to starting in quarter three of year one.	Practices in Track 3 will have already had MDPCP experience eliminating the need for Year 1 adjustments. A practice's TPCP will be adjusted as described above.	·
		neutral PBA (0%) or a		
3	Attribution	Beneficiary Attribution: Claims-based with voluntary alignment opportunity; proactive identification and assignment of seriously ill and unmanaged beneficiaries	Beneficiary Attribution: Claims-based with voluntary alignment opportunity	

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4	Beneficiary Engagement Incentives	costs (i.e., CMS will not compensate practices for the loss in cost sharing revenue).  Practices that wish to take advantage of this beneficiary engagement incentive must submit an implementation plan that identifies the categories of beneficiaries who will be eligible for cost sharing support, the types of services furnished by the practice that would be eligible for cost sharing support, and such other information as	must submit an implementation plan that identifies the categories of beneficiaries who will be eligible for cost sharing support, the types of services furnished by the practice that would be eligible for cost sharing support, and such other information as CMS may require. The implementation plan is subject to CMS approval. MDPCP practices will be required to implement their cost sharing support policies in accordance with the implementation plan approved by CMS.	
Additional Considerations	Population Based Payment (PBP)	Preserve current method of attributing PBPM payments to individual beneficiaries rather than the average for the practice. In addition, add a 5 <sup>th</sup> tier consistent with the SIP payment level as in MDPCP complex tier. The dollar amounts can mirror PCF wit the exception of a closer look at the per visit payment level using representative Maryland data.  Progression of financial responsibility over time toward total Population based payment and elimination of claims submission.  PBP may also include leakage and geographic adjustments		

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Perforn	Performance Measurement						
5	Risk Group 1-2	actionable, clinically meaningful, and aligned with CMS's broader quality measurement strategy. Measures include a patient experience of care survey, controlling high blood pressure, diabetes hemoglobin A1c poor control, colorectal cancer screening, and advance care planning.  Utilization  Utilization Measure for PBA Calculation Acute Hospital Utilization (AHU) (HEDIS measure)  Quality Gateway (starts in Year 2)  Patient Experience of Care Survey (CAHPS® with supplemental items) 0005 and 0006 / 321 AHRQ®  PCF and/or non-PCF reference population Diabetes:  Hemoglobin A1c (HbA1c) Poor Control (>9%) (eCQM) 0059 / 001 NCQA® MIPS Controlling High Blood Pressure (eCQM) 0018/ 236 NCQA® MIPS Advance Care Plan (MIPS COM measure) 0326/47 NCOA®	Utilization: Utilization Measure for PBA Calculation: PQI Hospital/ PQI ED Utilization  Quality Gateway: Patient Experience: Patient experience and comprehensiveness of care survey tool selected by State- to include Tier 5  Hemoglobin A1c (HbA1c) Poor Control (>9%) (eCQM) 0059 / 001 NCQA® MIPS Controlling High Blood Pressure (eCQM)	<ul> <li>Quality measures for Maryland should be established by MDPCP with input from payers and practices</li> <li>Quality measures should:         <ul> <li>Reflect consideration for administrative burden and potential effect on practice bonuses</li> <li>Be unique/updated to the extent possible while also aligning across payers</li> <li>Account for differences between Medicare, Medicaid, and private payer populations</li> <li>Consider SDOH</li> </ul> </li> <li>Use only quality measures in year one</li> <li>Include EHR and claims data in reporting on quality</li> <li>Key Takeaways</li> <li>Establish quality measures with input from payers (alignment) and practices, consider measures for SDOH</li> <li>Include practice input on measure selection</li> </ul>			

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	Risk Group 3-	<u>Years 1- 5</u>	N/A	
	4	Advance Care Plan (MIPS CQM		
		measure) (also used for Practice Risk		
	Groups 1-2) Total Per Capita Cost (MIPS			
		claims measure) (CMS does not use		
		AHU for Risk group 3-4 and instead uses		
		Total Per Capita Cost)		
		Years 2-5 (but administered in Year 1)		
		CAHPS® (beneficiary survey)		
		Years 3-5		
		24/7 Access to a Practitioner		
		(beneficiary survey)		
		Days at Home (claims measure)		
Additional	Quality		aligned with state population health goals	as defined in the TCOC contract (and
Considerations	Measures	subsequent MOU on goal alignment with	h private payers.)	
Care De	livery			
	-	Drastices have canabilities to	Dractices have canabilities to	
6	General Options	·	Practices have capabilities to	
	Options	deliver five advanced primary	deliver five advanced primary care	
		care functions:	functions:	
		1) access and continuity;	1) Access and continuity;	
		2) care management;	2) Care management;	
		3) comprehensiveness and	3) Comprehensiveness and coordination;	
			4) Patient and caregiver engagement;	
			5) Planned care for population health	
		5) planned care for population health	Flexibility:	
	(	Flexibility	In MDPCP, practices will have latitude to	
		In Primary Care First, practices will have	develop their own approaches to care	
		latitude to develop their own	delivery, rather than being required to	
		approaches to care delivery, rather than		
		being required to meet many specific	requirements under the model.	
		, ,	Practices will be required to report some	
		·	information about their care delivery	
		report some information about their	capabilities to ensure program integrity	
		care delivery capabilities to ensure	and provide CMS and the State insight	

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		program integrity and provide CMS insight into practice progress and opportunities to continuously improve the model.	into practice progress and opportunities to continuously improve the model.	
7	Seriously III	Practices focused on care for complex chronic or seriously ill patients have associated specialized capabilities.	No separate SIP - Complex tier (Tier 5) included in MDPCP program eliminates need for SIP  Council recommendation needed	
Partici	pants and Part	ners		
8	Eligibility	Located in one of the selected Primary Care First regions. Include primary care practitioners (MD, DO, CNS, NP, and PA), certified in internal medicine, general medicine, geriatric medicine, family medicine, and hospice and palliative medicine.	internal medicine, general medicine, geriatric medicine, family medicine, and	
		Provide primary care health services to a minimum of 125 attributed Medicare beneficiaries at a particular location.  Have primary care services account for at least 70% of the practices' collective billing based on revenue. In the case of a multi-specialty practice, 70% of the practice's eligible primary care practitioners' combined revenue must come from primary care services.		

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		payment arrangements or payments based on cost, quality, and/or utilization	Council recommendation needed	
		capitation. Use 2015 Edition Certified Electronic Health Record Technology (CEHRT), support data exchange with other providers and health systems via Application Programming Interface (API), and connect to their regional	Use 2015 Edition Certified Electronic Health Record Technology (CEHRT), support data exchange with other providers and health systems via Application Programming Interface (API), and connect to their regional health information exchange (HIE).	
		Attest via questions in the Practice Application to a limited set of advanced primary care delivery capabilities, such as 24/7 access to a practitioner or nurse call line and empanelment of patients to a practitioner or care team.	Council recommendation needed  For new applicants to MDPCP  Council recommendation needed	
		·	Meet requirements of the MDPCP Participation Agreement  Council recommendation needed	

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	Eligible practitioners (that each practice applicant must identify by NPI in its application) are those in internal medicine, general medicine, geriatric medicine, family medicine, and/or hospice and palliative medicine. CMS may reject an application on the basis of the results of a program integrity screening.	Eligible practitioners (that each practice applicant must identify by NPI in its application) are those in internal medicine, general medicine, geriatric medicine, family medicine, and/or hospice and palliative medicine, pediatric, co-located psychiatry, and Ob/Gyn [same existing list for MDPCP]. CMS may reject an application on the basis of the results of a program integrity screening.	
9 Participation Options	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Practices shall provide comprehensive care for all attributed beneficiaries. Availability of SIP is TBD-or rolled into MDPCP as Complex tier patients  Council recommendation needed	<ul> <li>Mandatory Track 3 means practices would have to advance to Track 3 to remain in the MDPCP</li> <li>Track 3 should not be mandatory in year 1; phase in Track 3 given the following considerations:         <ul> <li>Timeline requirements for progression from one track to the next</li> <li>Accountability of practices performing well that are less tolerant of risk</li> <li>Track 2 practice performance status and interest in moving to Track 3</li> <li>Prevention of reduction in access to care; particularly for small practices</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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Eler	ments	Under Discussion	Advisory Council Feedback  Appropriate risk levels with consideration for alternatives to HCC scores in future program years  Development of Track 3 should include detailed plans for:  CTO participation  Role of CTOs as risk-bearing entities  Potential care management fee sharing with CTOs  Requirements for disclosures to consumers about risk arrangements  Maintaining practice participation following elimination of Track 1  Include SIP as part of program (Tier 5) as opposed to a separate component  Key Takeaways  Define basis of participation; mandatory or optional  Determine timeline for phase-in of Track 3 and phase-out of Track 1  Determine progression and / or inclusion of SIP program
10 Exclusi	ions FQHCs	FQHCs are permitted to participa	ate

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			Council recommendation needed	
11	Payer Alignment	CMS will also encourage other payers – including Medicare Advantage Plans, commercial health insurers, Medicaid managed care plans, and State Medicaid agencies – to align payment, quality measurement, and data sharing with CMS in support of Primary Care First practices.	CMS and the State will also encourage other payers – including Medicare Advantage Plans, commercial health insurers, Medicaid managed care plans, and State Medicaid agencies – to align payment, quality measurement, and data sharing with CMS in support of MDPCP practices.  Council recommendation needed	
12	Application	Practices must complete a RFA	Practices must complete a RFA, if first year MDPCP participant. Otherwise transitioning practices will complete a transition request application.  Council recommendation needed	
13	Performance	5 years	5 years at a minimum  Council recommendation needed	
14	Other	Although CMS is only able to assess and pay the PBA at the practice-level, the Participation Agreement will require participating practices to agree to compensate individual practitioners in their practice in a way that reflects their individual performance on meaningful outcomes-based and process clinical quality measures, patient experience, and AHU. This stipulation provides Primary Care First participants with the flexibility to determine their own compensation arrangements with their practitioners, while also ensuring that	Although CMS and the State are only able to assess and pay the PBA at the practice level, the Participation Agreement will encourage participating practices to compensate individual practitioners in their practice in a way that reflects their individual performance on meaningful outcomes-based and process clinical quality measures, patient experience, and AHU. This stipulation provides MDPCP participants with the flexibility to determine their own compensation arrangements with their practitioners, while also ensuring that	

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			the PBA motivates practitioners to take responsibility for their personal performance.  Council recommendation needed		
Seriously	Seriously III Population (SIP)				

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Seriously III Population	CMS will attribute SIP patients lacking a primary care practitioner or care coordination to Primary Care First practices that specifically opt to participate in this payment model option. Practices may limit their participation in Primary Care First to exclusively caring for SIP patients, but in order to do so, such practices must demonstrate in their applications that they have a network of relationships with other care organizations in the community to ensure that beneficiaries can access the care best suited to their longer-term needs. Allowances to some of the eligibility requirements for the Primary Care First general payment model option (such as with respect to historical beneficiary attribution) will be made to facilitate participation in the SIP payment model option.  -One-time payment for first visit with SIP patient: \$325 PBPM  • Monthly SIP payments for up to 12 months: \$275 PBPM  • Flat visit fees: \$50  • Quality payment adjustment: up to \$50		

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Learning Sys	Learning System						
	rning work and tem	delivery changes necessary for success.  3) Assessment and Feedback: Ongoing and timely assessment of practice capabilities.  4) Learning Communities: Management of practice networks for peer-to-peer sharing and diffusion of promising tactics, e.g., via a web-based collaboration website (PCF Connect) and a national meeting.  Practices participating in Primary Care First may invest in practice coaching to	4) Learning Communities: Management of practice networks for peer-to-peer sharing and diffusion of promising tactics, e.g., via a web-based collaboration website (PCF Connect) and a national meeting.  Practices participating in MDPCP will receive practice coaching provided by the State to achieve their aims in MDPCP. Where there are opportunities				

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		National Meeting and regional in- person meetings in the 18 existing CPC+ Track 1 and 2 regions, the Learning System for Primary Care First will be integrated into the existing learning system structure designed for CPC+ Tracks 1 and 2.	Council recommendation needed	
Data SI	naring			
17	Data Sharing	utilization data and Medicaid data, as available, are delivered, as requested by participating practices in accordance with applicable law, clearly and actionably on a quarterly basis at the practice- and National Provider Identifier (NPI)-level with identifiable	Medicare FFS expenditure and utilization data and Medicaid data, as available, are delivered, as requested by participating practices in accordance with applicable law, clearly and actionably on a quarterly basis at the practice- and National Provider Identifier (NPI)-level with identifiable information on performance of the participating practitioners.  Council recommendation needed	
18	Reporting	Care Delivery Achievement Data (limited, less than care delivery in MDPCP/CPC+) eCQM submissions (annual) CAHPS submissions (annual)	Care Delivery Achievement Data (limited) eCQM submissions (annual) CAHPS submissions (annual) tool tbd  Council recommendation needed	
Quality	Payment Prog	gram and Model Overlap		
19	AAPM	AAPM under Medical Home model rule	AAPM under Medical Home model rule  Council recommendation needed	
20	Overlaps	See FAQs	Overlap rules will be the same as PCF  Council recommendation needed	

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Consid	Considerations for Maryland Specific Issues						
21	Track 3 required or optional?	N/A	Track 3 would be optional. If not made optional, it would become the only track for MDPCP. This may disadvantage and ultimately exclude current small and medium size practices from ongoing participation. The ability to sustain a broad coordinated statewide primary care delivery system would be greatly diminished.  Council recommendation needed				
22	Track 1 Phase- out	N/A	Track 1 should be phased out. We are in agreement that Track 1 was always considered to be a transitional track as practices built the full Advanced Primary Care capabilities. Phasing this track out over the next few years should pose little harm. Current Track 1 practices must move to Track 2 or be eliminated from the program by the end of 2022. Phasing out Track 1 after that time poses little risk.  Council recommendation needed				
23	Total Cost of Care Accountability	N/A	There is considerable State and CMMI interest in reducing the costs of care for Medicare FFS beneficiaries but primary care accountability does not fit the TCOC model. The MDPCP was designed to support that effort by broadly improving the health of the beneficiaries and thereby reducing avoidable and unnecessary high cost hospital and emergency department use (PQIs). This				

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			remains the goal. However, there is a disconnect in the Global Budget Hospital payment system that separates utilization reductions from effective reductions in hospital payments and PBPM costs. Under this system in the first year of the MDPCP overall reductions in hospital and ED utilization were offset with increased payment per unit service and failed to fully reflect PBPM cost reductions. There is an additional concern that placing the burden of reducing Total Costs of Care responsibility on primary care providers exaggerate their ability to influence the majority of these costs. Therefore, we recommend holding practices accountable for reducing the avoidable hospital and ED utilization.	
			Council recommendation needed	
24	CTO Participation	N/A	We would anticipate the option for CTO partnerships would remain for Track 3 practices. Given the lack of CMF in Track 3 and change in payment structure, we should allow the practices and CTOs to determine their own configuration for sharing payments.  Council recommendation needed	
25	Track Transitions	N/A	Practices currently in the program would request a track transition and need to meet the requirements set out for the Track. The transition from Track 2 to Track 3 may be based on the practice	

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			requesting that transition without any	
			other requirements anticipated.	
			Practices moving from Track 1 to Track 3	
			would need to meet criteria similar to	
			those established when moving from	
			Track 2 to Track 3.	
			Council recommendation needed	
			Newly applying practices to MDPCP	
			would need to request that Track and	
			attest to meeting specified criteria in the	
			RFA process and meet the algorithmic	
			level of performance consistent with	
			Track 3.	
			Council recommendation needed	