



Primary Care Workgroup Meeting Summary

March 13, 2023 | 5:00pm – 6:30pm

- Staff reviewed the workplan approach to accomplishing workgroup activities and overviewed completed and upcoming activities planned through May 2023
- Freedman Healthcare, LLC presented the *Principles for Defining Primary Care Spending in Maryland Table* to inform the development of a primary care spending definition
- The workgroup deliberated on key elements for developing a measurement framework and methodology, which included the six items below:
 - **Framework**
 - ***Purpose for measuring primary care spending*** – the workgroup considered measuring all spending on primary care services, measuring whether spending is adequate to support core primary care services, and measuring whether spending is sufficient to support care delivery goals
 - ***Number of definitions*** – workgroup members tended to support using a modular definition that includes narrow and broad elements with a core service component and additional service categories
 - ***Geographic alignment*** – workgroup members tended to support the ability to compare spending with other states, particularly those nearby but felt it was more important to ensure the definition met Maryland’s needs
 - **Methodology**
 - ***Narrow or broad set of services*** – most workgroup members that commented expressed interest in using an expanded list of defined primary care services while some preferred including all services performed by a primary care provider
 - ***Narrow or broad set of providers*** – workgroup members tended to support using an expanded list of defined primary care providers
 - ***Behavioral health services providers*** – the workgroup considered an approach that includes a limited set of behavioral health services, such as those performed as part of an integrated behavioral health arrangement

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