



Primary Care Workgroup

Meeting Summary

March 27, 2023 | 5:00pm – 6:30pm

- Staff overviewed the takeaways from the March 13th workgroup discussion on the key elements for developing a measurement framework and methodology to inform the development of a primary care spending definition
- Freedman Healthcare, LLC presented methodology discussion categories from the *Principles for Defining Primary Care Spending in Maryland Table*
- The workgroup deliberated on the remaining five key elements for developing a methodology:
 - **Behavioral health services providers** — the workgroup leaned towards an approach that includes basic outpatient behavioral health services, such as those performed as part of an integrated behavioral health arrangement
 - **Obstetrics and Gynecology (OB-GYN) services providers** — workgroup members tended to support including a broader set of OB/GYN services such as prenatal care and deliveries when provided by a primary care provider
 - **Place of service restrictions** — workgroup members requested analysis be conducted to inform further discussion; initial deliberation favored measuring a broad definition for place of service and then to determine what to include in the definition
 - **Pharmacy spending** — the workgroup expressed preference for excluding pharmacy spending from the denominator
 - **Non-fee-for service (FFS) spending** — most workgroup members supported including Medicare non-FFS for now and then measuring other payers when possible

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