



# Update on Recent Primary Care Investment Efforts

***STATE AND NATIONAL EFFORTS TO EXPAND REPORTING AND TARGET  
SETTING***

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# 2023 Primary Care Legislative Update



State	Legislation Focus	Status
Minnesota	Define and report on primary care spending including non-claims	Passed
Nevada	Define and report on primary care spending as part of state cost benchmark	Passed
Oklahoma	Define primary care; Medicaid MCOs spend 11% of total spend on primary care in 4yrs	Passed
Massachusetts	Increase primary care investment, expand prospective primary care payment	Moving
North Carolina	Convene primary care payment reform task force, measure primary care spending	Moving
New York	Define and report on primary care spending	Not Moving
Pennsylvania	Establish a primary care task force	Not Moving
Vermont	Three bills, aim to increase primary care spending to 12% to 15% of total spending	Did Not Pass

# Recent State Primary Care Spending Reports



## ▶ Connecticut

- Most payer types met five percent investment target but not commercial
- Target being increased to ten percent by 2025

## ▶ Delaware

- Annual report finds carriers project compliance with 2023 primary care spend requirements
- Separate policy brief discusses market factors complicating efforts to increase investment and transform care delivery

## ▶ Virginia

- Updated measurement results including measuring primary care spend by county

# Lessons Learned from Other States



- ▶ Need for multi-payer alignment; four of five states with investment requirements only focus on commercial or Medicaid not both
- ▶ Difficulty transforming care delivery, especially for small providers
- ▶ Difficulty reallocating spending to fund primary care investment in the short-term
- ▶ Determining how to account for risk settlement payments in primary care measurement
  - How much was really spent on primary care?
  - Payments are retrospective, often by six months or more which complicates reporting and accountability

# AHRQ Research on Defining Primary Care for Purposes of Measuring Spend



- ▶ Researchers at Oregon Health and Science University are supporting the federal Agency for Health Care Research and Quality (*AHRQ*) in a new research project to document methods being used to measure primary care spending
- ▶ The Technical Brief will provide an overview of the following:
  - Methods and estimates used;
  - Details on data sources and underlying definitions of primary care and primary care spending;
  - Advantages and disadvantages of various methods to define spending; and
  - An assessment of whether a standard measure or best estimate of spending can be identified

# Primary Care Analysis and Reporting Plan



- ▶ The Act requires MHCC to report annually to the Governor and Maryland General Assembly on an analysis of primary care investment and ways to improve the quality of and access to primary care services
- ▶ The MHCC must submit the Plan December 1<sup>st</sup>, informed by an MHCC convened workgroup
- ▶ The Plan establishes the primary care investment analysis framework that will guide MHCC in completing an annual assessment of payer primary care investments and identifying key policy issues for consideration by the workgroup, stakeholders, and legislature
- ▶ The MHCC anticipates updating the Plan annually over time to reflect the evolving primary care landscape

# Alignment with National Approaches



- ▶ The MHCC's *Primary Care Analysis and Reporting Plan* aligns well with similar approaches in other states
  - Developed with multi-stakeholder input
  - Definitions informed by and aligned with previous state and national efforts
  - Reporting strategy to show spending on primary care in dollars and as a percent of total medical spending
  - Approach to increase investment recognizes need to manage cost growth, differences across payer types and time needed to absorb additional investment



**THE END**

