



Delaware Snapshot

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At a glance

Primary care payment reform in Delaware has involved stepwise pieces of legislation to (1) create the Primary Care Reform Collaborative (PCRC) to develop recommendations to strengthen primary care, (2) increase primary care investment, (3) create the Office of Value-Based Health Care Delivery (OVBHCD) under the Department of Insurance (DOI), and (4) establish mandatory minimums for payment innovations including alternative payment models (APMs). Regulation 1322 implements the mandatory minimums including a target percentage of primary care providers engaged in APMs.

2015

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SB227 Relating To Primary Care Services

- Creates the PCRC under the Delaware Health Care Commission (HCC) to develop annual recommendations that will strengthen primary care in Delaware.
 - The PCRC (as initially established) comprised the Health Care Commission Chairperson, the Chair of the Senate Health, Children, & Social Services Committee, and the Chair of the House Health & Human Development Committee.
- Requires all health insurance providers to participate in the Delaware Health Care Claims Database.
- Requires individual, group, and state employee insurance plans to reimburse primary care and chronic care management at no less than Medicare rates.

Executive Order 25 Establishing Delaware Health Care Spending and Quality Benchmarks

- Establishes Delaware Health Care Spend Benchmarks to set annual growth targets for total health care costs.
- Establishes the Delaware Economic and Financial Advisory Council Health Care Spending Benchmark Subcommittee to set the health care spending benchmark.

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2019

SS1 for SB116 Relating To The Primary Care Reform Collaborative And The Creation Of The Office Of Value-Based Health Care Delivery

- Creates the OVBHCD within the DOI; responsibilities include:
 - Establish affordability standards based on recommendations from the PCRC.
 - Establish targets for carrier investment in primary care.
 - Collect data and develop reports on carrier investments in primary care.
- Expands membership of the PCRC significantly, adding members representing physicians, nurses, health systems, insurance carriers, large self-insured employers, federally qualified health centers, the state Medicaid agency, the DOI, the state employee health plan, and the state department of health and human services.

2021

SS1 for SB120 Relating to Primary Care Services

- Directs the HCC to:
 - In collaboration with the PCRC, monitor uptake of primary care providers with value-based care delivery models, including advising on a Delaware Primary Care Model.
 - Develop and monitor compliance with APMs that promote value-based care, including incorporating OVBHCD analyses and soliciting data from carriers.
- Mandates carrier primary care spend targets: at least 7% of the total cost of care in 2022, 8.5% in 2023, 10% in 2024, and 11.5% in 2025.
- Requires OVBHCD to establish mandatory minimums for payment innovation, including APMs.
- Specifies OVBHCD data collection and reporting on primary care includes claims and non-claims spending.
- Sets hospital rate caps that gradually reach the greater of 2% or Core Consumer Price Index (CPI) plus 1% by 2024.

2022

Regulation 1322 Requirements for Mandatory Minimum Payment Innovations in Health Insurance

- Requires carriers to offer primary care providers the opportunity participate in primary care incentive programs, such as:
 - Non-fee-for-service (FFS) payment greater than or equal to Medicare incentive programs such as Comprehensive Primary Care Plus (CPC+) Track 1.
 - A larger proportion of non-FFS payments, such as in CPC+ Track 2.
 - A carrier-designed program that transitions a portion of FFS payment to non-FFS payment.
- Requires carriers to report progress on achieving a goal of 75% of primary care providers and team members in eligible care transformation activities, such as:
 - A carrier primary care incentive program as listed above.
 - The Delaware Primary Care Model established by the PCRC.
 - The National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) Patient-Centered Medical Home certification program.
 - Any other standards added by the DOI.