

Primary Care Program Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

10/5/2023 11am – 12:30pm

For all meeting materials (agendas, presentations, meeting minutes, and links to meeting recordings) to date, please see the [Primary Care Redesign Meeting website](#).

Meeting Goals

- Check in on the overall timeline and process for primary care program design
- Review and discuss a range of primary care delivery system and payment reform strategies that have been implemented by state Medicaid programs

Topic 1: Process and Timeline Check In

- DSS reviewed Phase 1 activities and accomplishments, which focused on giving committee members the background and context to lay the groundwork for more in-depth primary care program design discussions.
- Phase 1 accomplishments include:
 - A thorough review of prior work with committees
 - Responding to requests for additional starting point data and information
 - Hosting listening sessions to understand priorities (e.g., a listening session on strategies for health-related social needs and social determinants of health)
- In addition, DSS also outlined Phase 2 Primary Care Design Components and shared a proposed meeting schedule for Phase 2.
 - DSS confirmed the state has no interest in reintroducing Managed Care within HUSKY Health (Medicaid).
 - DSS also emphasized that the Phase 2 Primary Care Design Components are intended to be a neutral framework to structure a range of options for design discussions (e.g., base payment options could include Fee-For-Service or population-based payments). The intent of the framework is not to signal preference for design choices, and DSS is open to feedback on each of the primary care design components.
- For discussion, DSS asked PCPAC members for input on other program design components. Below is a non-exhaustive list of design components that members voiced interest in exploring:
 - Prevention and management of chronic diseases
 - Behavioral health integration
 - Quality measures by Race, Ethnicity, and Language (REL) and geography
 - DSS noted that there is ongoing work within the state to improve REL data collection.
 - **Next Step:** DSS will draft a memo on current DSS initiatives aiming to improve REL data collection.
 - Community support for health-related social needs
 - Use of community health workers
 - Policy tools to attract more primary care providers (PCPs), particularly Black and Brown PCPs

Topic 2: Medicaid Delivery System and Payment Reform Models

- DSS provided a broad overview of state Medicaid delivery system and payment reform initiatives that aim to address gaps in traditional delivery and payment systems.
- Common delivery and payment reform models include:
 - Patient-centered medical homes (PCMHs)
 - ACA health homes
 - Accountable care organizations (ACOs)
 - Episodes of care
- DSS solicited feedback on state and federal program models and design components that PCPAC members would like to see in future Phase 2 design discussions. Below is a non-exhaustive list of program examples and design elements that PCPAC members voiced interest in exploring:
 - Recommendations identified from DSS' 2022 Primary Care Assessment, including learnings from HUSKY member focus groups
 - Pediatric Health Homes (ACE Kids Act P.L. 116-16)
 - CMMI's Making Care Primary initiative
 - Intensive care management programs for targeted populations
 - OHS' Roadmap for Strengthening and Sustaining Primary Care

Next Steps

- DSS – Provide meeting materials with more advance notice to ensure that PCPAC members have ample time for review.
- DSS – Draft a memo on current DSS initiatives aiming to improve REL data collection.