

## **Multi-payer Advanced Primary Care Practice (MAPCP) Demonstration Fact Sheet**

- Health and Human Services' Secretary, Kathleen Sebelius announced the Multi-payer Advanced Primary Care Practice (MAPCP) Demonstration in September 2009, to allow Medicare to join Medicaid and private insurers in State-based health reform initiatives aimed at improving the delivery of primary care. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is administering this 3-year demonstration.
- Advanced primary care (APC) practices, or “medical homes”, utilize a team approach to care, with the patient at the center. APC practices emphasize prevention, health information technology, care coordination and shared decision making among patients and their providers. The goal is to improve the quality and coordination of health care services.
- Under the MAPCP Demonstration, CMS will participate in innovative, state sponsored multi-payer reform initiatives that promote APC principles. As part of its participation, CMS will provide an enhanced payment to participating APC practices for their Medicare patients commensurate with other participating payers in exchange for providing continuous, comprehensive, coordinated, and patient-centered health care. Implementing a common payment method across multiple participating payers will reduce administrative burdens, align economic incentives, and provide participating practices with the resources needed to function as advanced primary care practices.
- States conducting multi-payer APC initiatives are eligible to apply for the demonstration. To qualify for participation, the State initiatives must:
  - Be conducted under state auspices;
  - Have promotion of the APC model as its central purpose;
  - Include Medicaid and substantial participation by private health plans;
  - Have substantial support by primary care providers;
  - Include mechanisms for community support of participating practices; and
  - Be coordinated with state health promotion and disease prevention efforts.
- The Demonstration is an opportunity to assess the impact of advanced primary care practices, when supported by Medicare, Medicaid, and private health plans, on:
  - The safety, effectiveness, timeliness, and efficiency of health care;
  - Variation in utilization and expenditure not related to differences in health status;
  - The ability of beneficiaries to participate effectively in decisions concerning their care;
  - The delivery of care consistent with evidence-based guidelines in historically underserved areas; and
  - Utilization of, and expenditures for, services covered by Medicare and Medicaid.
- For more information about the demonstration and a copy of the application requirements, see the demonstration web site:

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/DemoProjectsEvalRpts/MD/itemdetail.asp?itemID=CMS1230016>