

Federal Evaluation of the Vermont All-Payer Model (2018-2019) GMCB Staff Introduction

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Agenda for the Day



1. GMCB Staff Introduction
2. NORC Presentation: First Evaluation Report, Vermont All-Payer ACO Model (2018-2019)
3. Board Discussion
4. Public Comment

Assessing APM Performance



Tracking quality and cost growth is at the heart of the APM and will help us determine if the state is heading in the right direction.

- **All-Payer Model Agreement Targets and Reporting.** The Agreement requires Vermont to report regularly to CMMI on performance against the APM targets (cost, quality/health outcomes, and scale*) and other topics. Once final, all reports to CMMI are available to the public on the [APM Reports](#) page of GMCB's website and summarized on an [All-Payer Model Performance Summary Dashboard](#).
- **Ongoing Evaluation and Monitoring.** In addition to Agreement-required reporting, GMCB is continually assessing APM successes and challenges, through payer-specific reports (e.g., annual presentations of ACO program results from each payer), qualitative stakeholder input (e.g., [a 2019 provider survey to identify barriers to APM participation](#)), and analyses on topics of interest.
- **TODAY'S PRESENTATION – Federal APM Evaluation (NORC).** The most robust evaluation of the APM's impact, with quantitative analysis focused primarily on Medicare's participation and Medicare beneficiaries.

Assessing Performance: APM vs. ACO

All-Payer Model

- APM Agreement Targets: Cost, quality and population health, scale*
- Ongoing Evaluation and Monitoring: Payer program results, qualitative stakeholder input, analyses on topics of interest
- Federal Evaluation

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- Budget Review: Program and finances
- Certification: Policies, procedures, and governance
- Monitoring Performance: Payer program results, ongoing budget and certification monitoring and reporting

* On October 12, CMMI waived enforcement of APM Agreement scale targets through remainder of current Agreement ([Waiver of Enforcement letter](#)), noting that the targets are “unattainable for Vermont based on information not available when the State Agreement was drafted.”

About Today's Presentation



NORC is not able to take live questions today due to the required federal clearance process.

GMCB staff provided a list of questions and themes in advance reflecting areas of interest to Board members and staff; in addition, we highlighted questions and comments from APM stakeholders, participants, and members of the public.