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Announcing Updates to CDPS Risk Adjustment Model

The Chronic Illness and Disability Payment System (CDPS) is a diagnostic-based risk adjustment model that is widely used to adjust capitated payments for health plans that enroll individuals covered by Medicaid. We are delighted to announce the new update of [CDPS and CDPS+Rx, version 7.2](#). This revision focused on an in-depth clinical review of the CDPS model categories. Clinical experts were engaged to provide feedback on each CDPS major category and changes were made to the model as appropriate. As a result, four new CDPS categories were added to the model including CNSVH, CERH, METL, and HEMH with slight improvements in R-squares. The 2024 model includes 22,646 ICD-10 diagnoses: 1,125 diagnoses were dropped from the previous model and 1,534 were added. The next stage of this project, to be launched in 2025, will be to update the model with the most recent data and continue exploring how to incorporate non-medical health drivers, such as housing and transportation, into the model.

If you are a state Medicaid agency or Medicaid health plan who is interested in joining the ongoing work of this project, please contact Dr. Jennifer Moore at JMoore@MedicaidInnovation.org.

Thank you to Dr. Judith Chamberlain, IMI Board Chair



With enormous gratitude, our long-serving Governing Board Chair, Judith Chamberlain, MD, FAAFP, has announced her retirement. Dr. Chamberlain has been the board chair since IMI's inception in 2014 and has helped shape IMI's mission, vision, and priorities, steering the organization through challenges and growth. Her expertise as a rural family physician and former Medicaid managed care medical director coupled with her enthusiasm to advance equity helped to ensure that the voice of community members was a steadfast pillar of the organization. Dr. Chamberlain's retirement from the IMI Governing Board will provide more time for her many other interests and roles serving the community, including her long-time engagement with Maine Equals Justice and the American Driving Society. IMI leaders, staff, and community are grateful for Dr. Chamberlain's ten years of service and look forward to working with her as she remains active on several board committees.

New: CMS Releases Resource on Social Return on Investment with IMI Input



HCPLAN
Health Care Payment Learning & Action Network

New health equity
guidance from the
**Health Equity
Advisory Team**

IMI leaders helped create the new recently released CMS resource, “[Value of Health Care Redefined: Social Return on Investment \(ROI\)](#).” IMI Board Vice Chair Karen Dale, RN, MSN and Founding Executive Director Jennifer E. Moore, PHD, RN, FAAN, both served on CMS’ Health Equity Advisory Team ([Health Care Payment Learning & Action Network](#)) who leant their guidance and expertise in the development of the resource. HCPLAN is a group of public and private health care leaders providing strategic direction and ongoing support to accelerate adoption of alternative payment models and accountable care.

They define “social ROI” as “a framework for measuring and accounting for the broad social value of programs relative to resources invested.” Social ROI is important because investments in health equity have been limited partly because performance metrics linked to payment do not capture the full societal benefits of health equity and addressing social determinants of health (SDOH). Metrics should capture social ROI, and thereby incentivize the business case for investing in and sustaining programs that maximize equitable health and well-being.

IMI’s Annual 2024 MCO Survey Results Released

Payment Strategies Used by Medicaid Health Plans		
68%	Payment incentives based on performance measures related to access to care	
50%	Enhanced payment rates for hard-to-recruit provider types	
41%	Incentive payments for addressing health disparities	
36%	Enhanced payment rates for providers in rural or frontier areas	
36%	Payment incentives to integrate behavioral health care into primary care	
36%	Payment incentives for availability of same-day or after-hours appointments	
36%	Incentive payments for addressing health inequities	
23%	Other*	
18%	Enhanced payments to providers for reimbursement parity with other health plans	
14%	Optional benefits for select populations as authorized by statute (e.g., sickle cell disease)	

Source: Institute for Medicaid Innovation. “2024 Annual Medicaid Health Plan Survey.”

On November 15, 2024, the Institute for Medicaid Innovation (IMI) hosted its [release event](#) to unveil findings from the Annual Medicaid MCO Survey. This year’s survey revealed key insights, including persistent data-sharing challenges complicating integration among behavioral health providers, positive strides in health equity within Medicaid, and continued growth in maternal health benefit offerings by health plans. One interesting fact is that Medicaid managed care organizations (MCOs) continue to expand the use of different payment arrangements to incentivize quality and efficiency. Check it out in the [fact sheet](#) on alternative payment models, one of eleven separate topics.

Looking For Something Special for the Person Who Loves Medicaid in Your Life? Check Out the IMI Swag Store



It's the holidays! What to get for the people in your life who love health policy, detailed research, and national programs that support our entire community? [IMI swag](#) of course! Our online store has everything you need from stocking stuffers to wrap-worthy gifts.

Purchases help support IMI's work and make a difference in the lives of families we serve.

There's Still Time to Donate to Our End-of-Year Giving Campaign!

We are so proud of our work in 2024 to advance health equity, innovation, and improved outcomes for Medicaid enrollees. For example, initiatives like the National Strategic Medicaid Maternal Health Coalition drive meaningful change in healthcare. Another of our key initiatives, the Annual Medicaid Managed Care Organization Survey (MCO), exemplifies the forward-thinking work IMI has led to improve quality through MCOs. We are more motivated than ever to continue our work in 2025.

With your continued partnership, we can deepen the impact of initiatives and create a stronger, more equitable healthcare landscape for all. For those who have not done so already, it's not too late to make a [tax-deductible donation](#) in support of IMI's future.

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