



Request for Information on Access to Care and Coverage

Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission

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Request for Information

- On February 17, 2022, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) released a request for information on a broad range of access-related topics.
- One of the first steps in the agency's work to develop a more comprehensive access strategy.
- Comments due April 18, 2022 through web portal.

Five Objectives

- Medicaid and CHIP reaches eligible people
- Beneficiaries experience consistent coverage
- Beneficiaries have access to timely, high-quality, and appropriate care in all payment systems
- CMS has data available to measure, monitor, and support improvement efforts related to access to services
- Payment rates are sufficient

Objective 1: Medicaid and CHIP Reaches Eligible People

- CMS seeks ways to support states in making timely eligibility decisions, including understanding what additional capabilities states need.

Areas for comment:

- Streamlining processes
- Addressing remaining barriers

Objective 2: Medicaid and CHIP Beneficiaries Experience Consistent Coverage

- CMS seeks comments on areas for improving the redetermination process, continuity of coverage, and communicating with beneficiaries.

Areas for comment:

- Unwinding the public health emergency
- Promoting continuous coverage
- State adoption of existing policy options
- Beneficiary communication

Objective 3: Medicaid and CHIP Beneficiaries Have Access to Care

- CMS is interested in feedback on how to establish minimum access standards and monitoring state performance. It also seeks comments related to whole person care and increasing provider participation.

Areas for comment:

- Consistent access measures
- Minimum standards and benchmarks
- Integrating physical and behavioral health, coverage for dually eligible individuals, and understanding social risk factors
- Increasing the pool of providers

Objective 4: CMS has Data to Measure, Monitor, and Support Improvement in Access

- CMS seeks comments on data sources to monitor access across delivery systems and programs.

Areas for comment:

- Data sources
- Home- and community-based services
- Technical support

Objective 5: Payment Rates in Medicaid and CHIP are Sufficient

- CMS asks for opportunities to align approaches and establish minimum standards for payments and reduce unnecessary administrative burdens.

Areas for comment:

- Payment data availability
- Managed care oversight
- Minimum payment standards for vaccines
- Arrangements unique to Medicaid
- Provider enrollment barriers

Other Areas for Comment

- CMS also provides an option to submit any additional comments related to the RFI

Areas for comment:

- Incorporating equity
- Ensuring transparency



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