

The Medical Policy Council continues to work diligently with the HSCRC to craft a waiver progression plan and term sheet that will be favorable for all providers in Maryland. The next iteration of the CMS waiver will address the Total Cost of Care (TCOC) with regard to all Medicare recipients in the State of Maryland. At present the HSCRC is working on the methodologies to allocate costs to specific hospitals and geographic regions. In addition HSCRC has been given the authority to create Care Redesign programs to provide financial incentives to both hospital-based and non hospital based physicians. MedChi is also adamant that the new CMS plan will allow all physicians the opportunity to participate in an Advanced Alternative Payment Model (AAPM). Participation in such a model will result in significant increases in participating provider fee-for-service Medicare rates. MedChi has been present at many of the meetings between CMS and HSCRC to assure that the independent practice of medicine is preserved and to champion fair and equitable payment methodologies. In addition, since liability will be an ever increasing concern as new value based methodologies are developed the council is working with HSCRC to address these concern in the waiver progression plan.

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