

MedChi's Center for Value-Based Care



MedChi leads the charge in protecting physician interests as Maryland healthcare shifts to value-based care. In the 2022 General Assembly Session, MedChi worked to make sure the CareFirst value-based bill included physician and patient protections. MedChi was a strong supporter of the Maryland Primary Care Program, the largest per capita, most successful value-based care program for Maryland adult primary care.

Strong Physician Protections

When two-sided incentive arrangements and capitated payments were proposed, MedChi led successful efforts to ensure that the legislation included the strongest physician protections. The expertise of MedChi's leaders was critical to securing data transparency, reporting requirements, and other protections for physicians.



Leadership

MedChi is a leader in the national conversation around value-based medicine, providing resources and guidance to other state medical societies and the American Medical Association.



It's Complicated

Value-based care is complicated, especially in Maryland. MedChi can answer general questions for practices that are considering these models and can be a resource for physicians in an employed setting to understand what these models mean to them from a bonus or payment perspective.



Maryland Primary Care Program

MedChi collaborates closely with the Maryland Primary Care Program, a voluntary program open to all qualifying primary care specialists to provide funding and support for the prevention and management of chronic disease and the prevention of unnecessary hospital utilization.

Episode Quality Improvement Program

MedChi works with the Health Services Cost Review Commission and leads the new Episode Quality Improvement Program, an episode-based payment program for non-hospital specialists, designed to help meet financial targets, encourage multi-payer alignment, and broaden access to payment opportunities.



Total Cost of Care

Maryland's Total Cost of Care is a unique payment system that slows the growth of healthcare costs, funds investments in population health and primary care, and establishes Maryland as a leader in value-based care. MedChi's role is critical to the success of this program and its benefits for physicians.