

Rural Multi-payer Payment Model Update

Good afternoon! The purpose of this update is to keep stakeholders apprised of news and updates associated with the Rural Health Multi-Payer Transformation Project. Below are key milestones or activities that have occurred over the last three weeks.

- **Refining HCA's health transformation vision for rural areas.** We have held two internal working sessions with McKinsey and Milliman to codify HCA's vision and produce a framework for consideration. We are targeting release of this framework by mid-September. The proposed framework will embrace the goal of sustainable access to essential services in rural communities, and will be the focus of upcoming working sessions.
- **Meeting and talking with interested rural stakeholders.** We have continued to hold in-person and remote one-on-one meetings with interested providers to learn about their unique circumstances and discuss opportunities for transformation.
- **Global Budgeting Q&A.** The State Policy Academy on Global Budgeting for Rural Hospitals has released a question and answer in response to questions that were posed during the summit in May. Please see the attached for their question and answer response. Also, please follow this link to view the morning session:
<https://www.jhsph.edu/departments/health-policy-and-management/events/state-policy-academy-on-global-budgeting-for-rural-hospitals/>

Upcoming key dates and activities

- We are targeting a provider working session on October 1st from 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. The location of this meeting has not yet been determined. We will send out official invites to this meeting by the end of next week, August 31st.
- A comparable meeting will be held for commercial payers and Managed Care Organizations in mid-October. Please stay tuned for additional details.
- We are continuing to reach out for one-on-one meetings with providers to discuss their business and opportunities for transformation.
- In the coming months we will be ramping up our discussions with CMS and stakeholders. We are still targeting early agreements with CMS by the end of the SIM grant, January 2019. Updated timelines will be released in the next several weeks.

Questions?

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