



Recipients of Round Two State Innovation Models Initiative Model Test & Model Design Awards Announced

Today, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) announced the recipients of 11 Model Test and 21 Model Design awards under the second round of the State Innovation Models (SIM) initiative.

In round two, the SIM initiative is providing over \$665 million to support state-led, multi-payer health care payment and service delivery models that will improve health system performance, increase quality of care, and decrease costs for Medicare, Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) beneficiaries—and for all residents of participating states. States will engage a broad group of stakeholders including health care providers and systems, long-term service and support providers, commercial payers, state hospital and medical associations, tribal communities and consumer advocacy organizations. Transformation efforts supported by this initiative must improve health, improve care and lower costs for Medicare, Medicaid, and CHIP beneficiaries. Accordingly, all awardees are committed to developing and implementing innovative delivery and payment models that yield better health, better care and reduced costs.

Over \$622 million in Model Test awards will support 11 states that are ready to implement their State Health Care Innovation Plans. A State Health Care Innovation Plan is a fully developed proposal capable of creating statewide health transformation for the preponderance of care within a state. In addition, a State Health Care Innovation Plan describes a state's strategy to utilize available regulatory and policy levers to accelerate transformation, such as plans to align quality measures, leverage the adoption and implementation of health information technology and health information exchange, and evaluate innovation efforts. CMS will work with Model Test states for four years. The Model Test awardees are: New York, Iowa, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Idaho, Michigan, Ohio, Tennessee, Washington and Rhode Island.

Over \$42 million in Model Design awards will support 21 entities—including 17 states, three territories and the District of Columbia—in engaging a diverse group of stakeholders, including public and commercial payers, providers and consumers, to create or further refine a State Health Care Innovation Plan. States receiving Model Design awards will have twelve months to submit their State Health Care Innovation Plans to CMS. The Model Design awardees are: Arizona, Utah, Pennsylvania, Maryland, California, Illinois, New Jersey, Puerto Rico, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, American Samoa, District of Columbia, Hawaii, Kentucky, Montana, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Virginia, West Virginia and Wisconsin.

For more information, please visit the [State Innovation Models Initiative main web page](#).

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has sent this [Innovations.cms.gov](https://www.innovations.cms.gov)- Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI) Update. To contact Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) go to our [contact us](#) page.