

Physician-Focused Payment Model Technical Advisory Committee

Potential Questions for **Listening Session #3** for the

September 2024 Theme-Based Meeting:

Identifying Pathways Toward Maximizing Participation in Population-Based Total Cost of Care (PB-TCOC) Models

Topic: Addressing Challenges Regarding Data, Benchmarking, and Risk Adjustment

September 17, 1:10 p.m. – 2:40 p.m. EDT

Listening Session Subject Matter Experts (SMEs):

- **Robert Saunders, PhD**, Senior Research Director, Health Care Transformation, Adjunct Associate Professor and Core Faculty Member, Duke-Margolis Institute for Health Policy, Duke University
- **Randall P. Ellis, PhD**, Professor, Department of Economics, Boston University
- **Aneesh Chopra, MPP**, President, CareJourney
- **John Supra, MS**, Chief Digital Health & Analytics Officer, Value-Based Care Institute, Cone Health

Committee Discussion and Q&A Session

After each SME provides an 8–10-minute presentation, the Committee discussion will focus on questions raised by Committee members in response to the SMEs' presentations.

The following are examples of questions that Committee members may ask.

A. Methods for Setting Payment Benchmarks and Determining Financial Risk

Question 1: *What are effective strategies for setting benchmarks for use in PB-TCOC models?*

- a. What are some examples of models that have successfully tracked provider performance against benchmarks? What factors set them up for success?
- b. What approaches can be used to address issues related to beneficiary attribution?
- c. How should social determinants of health be incorporated into benchmark calculations?

B. Improving Risk Adjustment

Question 2: *What risk-adjustment methods should be implemented specifically for use in PB-TCOC models?*

- a. What are the challenges associated with developing and/or implementing risk-adjustment methods for PB-TCOC models? How do organizations effectively address these challenges?

C. Data Refinement and Data Sharing Approaches

Question 3: *How do organizations ensure data sharing across programs and/or models?*

- a. What are the challenges associated with sharing data across programs and/or models? How do organizations effectively address these challenges?
- b. How do organizations work together to continuously improve data quality and interoperability?

D. Data Sources, Methods, and Infrastructure

Question 4: *What are strategies to improve access, timeliness, cost effectiveness, and usability of data?*

- a. What data sources that they currently do not have access to do organizations feel they need to accurately establish benchmarks, employ risk adjustment, and measure performance?
- b. What challenges do new organizations face when establishing a data infrastructure?
- c. What enabling policies can support the development of infrastructure to facilitate accountable care relationships and PB-TCOC models?

Conclusion

Wrap-up Question: *Are there any additional insights you would like to share about addressing challenges regarding data, benchmarking, and risk adjustment?*