Informing PTAC’s Review of PFPMs: We Want to Hear from You

After several years of experience reviewing proposed Physician-Focused Payment Models (PFPMs), the Physician-Focused Payment Model Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC) is seeking additional information to further enhance our reviews. We believe it is important to obtain additional input and guidance from stakeholders on what issues they believe are material to our review of proposals.

As many of you know, the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (ASPE) provides an environmental scan for every proposal reviewed by PTAC so that members have a good understanding of the clinical and economic circumstances within which the proposed model would be implemented. We are seeking to enlarge the scan that can inform our review, such as the universe of actual and potential PFPMs and other factors, and so we are asking our stakeholders to contribute additional information for these scans.

PTAC seeks to build upon the insights of stakeholders and use such insights and considerations to further inform our review of proposals and our recommendations to the Secretary.

Therefore, we are looking for your input on several topics to inform our environmental scans in general, and we also encourage stakeholders to consider these topics when submitting public comments on a particular proposal.

Questions to the Public:

- Reflecting on the issues and topics presented in the care delivery, payment model or other issues that are addressed in the proposals that PTAC has reviewed, what are the other current challenges in healthcare delivery and payment? What is needed to push forward on addressing care delivery issues and alternative payment models? Are there other actual and potential PFPMs that have not heretofore been addressed in proposals submitted to PTAC?

- Reflecting on the issues and topics presented in the proposals submitted, in addition to the evaluative criteria, what other factors are those that stakeholders believe would be important to take into consideration to inform PTAC’s evaluation of proposals, including factors related to engagement and adoption of models? For example, what attributes may serve to facilitate or act as barriers in the adoption and engagement in models for rural and small practices as well as large integrated delivery systems?

- How might a proposed PFPM build on the learnings from earlier models?

- How might care models that are included in the proposals reviewed by PTAC be incorporated in broader models, like Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs)? Direct Contracting? What factors would be important to take into consideration, such as barriers or facilitating factors for adoption?

We welcome your feedback on these types of questions or other input you may have. Please submit your input via PTAC@hhs.gov.