

Applying for the Maryland Primary Care Program

The Maryland Primary Care Program (MDPCP) is in its fourth Performance Year and now recruiting for the 2023 Performance Year Five. The MDPCP is a voluntary program open to all qualifying Maryland primary care practices and Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs). It provides funding and support for the delivery of advanced primary care throughout the state. The MDPCP supports the overall health care transformation process and allows primary care providers to play an expanded role in prevention, management of chronic disease, and preventing unnecessary hospital utilization. As of January 2022, 508 practices are participating in the program, and enthusiastic application is also anticipated for the 2023 Program Year.

Practice Eligibility:

- Primary Care practices in Maryland comprised of physicians, clinical nurse specialists, nurse practitioners, and physician assistants
- Provider Specialty designations include: General Practice, Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Pediatric Medicine, Preventive Medicine, Geriatric Medicine, and co-located Psychiatry
- Use a certified electronic health record (EHR)
- Provide services to a minimum of 125 attributed Medicare fee-for-service beneficiaries



Improved Health. The MDPCP is dedicated to improving health outcomes for all patients, focusing on the five primary care functions:

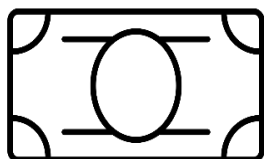
- Access to Care, • Care Management, • Comprehensiveness and Coordination, • Patient and Caregiver Experience, and • Planned Care and Population Health



Partners and Supports. All participating practices have access to a Practice Coach, who provides ongoing assistance in meeting program requirements. Practices may also choose to partner with a Care Transformation Organization (CTO), an entity which can provide additional supports and fulfill staffing needs. Practices also receive **many resources**, such as via support meetings and webinars, an interactive Learning System, and data-driven tools to support functions like risk stratification, social needs screening, and behavioral health integration.



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Enhanced Payments. The MDPCP redesigned payments reward value-based, comprehensive care. CMS will provide funding directly to Practices (and Care Transformation Organizations (CTOs) by practice designation) to strengthen and transform the delivery of primary care. The typical primary care practice in the program can expect to receive \$100k or more in annual payments depending on size and program options selected.

Payment Type	Amount & Frequency	Purpose
Care Management Fees (CMF)	Payments range from \$6 to \$100 pbpm, paid upfront quarterly	Paid based on the risk levels of the Medicare beneficiaries attributed to that practice.
Performance Based Incentive Payments (PBIP)	\$2.50 to \$4.00 pbpm, paid upfront annually	Balanced against measures of quality, patient satisfaction and utilization

The payment structure is based on Medicare fee-for-service. In the advanced track of the program (Track 2), the typical Medicare fee-for-service payment system gradually transforms to a partial prepayment system, with practices receiving quarterly Comprehensive Primary Care Payments (CPCP) in advance.

Timeline: The MDPCP will have an annual enrollment period each spring/summer during which interested practices and CTOs can apply.

Updates related to program application can be found on the MDPCP website at <https://health.maryland.gov/MDPCP>.