

AHC Model Data System

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The AHC Model will require award recipients to establish an intervention that will screen, refer, and, in Tracks 2 and 3, navigate beneficiaries to community services. To support these activities, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is building a data system accessible via a web-based platform to perform all core intervention components of the AHC model, including screening for health-related social needs, referral to community services, risk stratification, randomization, maintaining community resource inventories, navigation, viewing model data, and submitting data to CMS.

Important facts about the AHC Model Data System:

- **Award recipients can use the system for free.**
- Beneficiaries will be able to fill out the screening tool themselves or with the help of a screener.
- CMS will supply clear instructions and training.
- Award recipients will be able to “practice run” the system before they officially start to use it.
- Award recipients can log into a secure website to view up-to-date model data from participating clinical delivery sites.
- CMS will maintain, update, and secure this system through our federal vendor.
- The system will meet Section 508 accessibility standards.

Award recipients will be allowed to use a data system(s) of their choosing if they can confirm in writing that their system(s) will offer the same capabilities as the AHC Model Data System and is able to submit model data to CMS.

The AHC Model data system will be available to award recipients in all three AHC tracks, including Track 1, which is currently accepting applications.

For more information about the AHC Model or to access the application for the AHC Track 1 funding opportunity, please visit our website at <https://innovation.cms.gov/initiatives/ahcm>. For specific questions, please send an email to AccountableHealthCommunities@cms.hhs.gov.