Maine SIM Initiative

**Pre-SIM Landscape**

- **Patient-Centered Medical Home Model**
  - Piloted a PCMH model with Medicaid and commercial payers in 2010; Medicare joined in 2012 through the Multi-Payer Advanced Primary Care Practice demonstration.

- **Health Information Exchange**
  - HealthInfoNet, a nonprofit statewide HIE, established by executive order in 2010.

- **Quality Measure Public Reporting Programs**
  - The Maine Health Management Coalition led public reporting of quality measures, including a website launched in 2011.

- **Plans for Delivery System Reform**
  - Began planning Medicaid ACOs and Section 2703 HHs and BHHs prior to the SIM Initiative.

**Strategies**

- **Expand delivery system models**
  - Maine developed and expanded three MaineCare delivery and payment reform models: Accountable Communities, BHHs, and HHSs.

- **Support practice transformation**
  - Maine supported primary care and behavioral health providers with in-person learning sessions, site visits, telephone assistance, webinars, and a newsletter.

- **Connect BHHs to the HIE**
  - Maine helped connect behavioral health providers to the HIE to facilitate the exchange of physical and behavioral health data between providers.

- **Employ data analytics for care management**
  - Maine supported development of event notifications, clinical data dashboards, and risk prediction tools for MaineCare care managers.

**Reach**

- **BHHs/HHs**
  - as of September 2017
  - 4% BHHs
  - 18% HHs

- **Accountable Communities**
  - as of July 2017
  - 20% of state population

**Medicaid**

- 21% of state population

**Award**

- $33 million

**Period of performance**

- October 1, 2013 – September 30, 2017

**Symbols**

- ♦ Symbols represent strategies that build on efforts that pre-date SIM.

**Footnote**

- ACO = Accountable Care Organization; BHH = behavioral health home; HH = health home; HIE = health information exchange; PCMH = patient-centered medical home
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**Limitations**

Because the BHH pre-post analysis does not have a CG, results may be impacted by factors other than true changes in outcomes for the BHH population (e.g., secular trends, unobserved changes in the population, the tendency for values to go towards the mean).

**Lessons Learned**

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- Maine refocused SIM Initiative priorities when necessary to ensure efficient and effective use of SIM funding.