



State Innovation Model (SIM): Value-Based Purchasing (VBP) Partner Update

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The Partner Update is a monthly communications effort designed to share important information supporting Iowa's efforts to implement value-based purchasing specifically within Medicaid, but aligned with broader statewide reforms.

Through the SIM program, Iowa prepares communities to address population needs by collaborating with payers, providers and public health entities. The SIM aligns payers in reform that focuses payment on value; equips providers with tools and data to excel under value based payment; and integrates public health principles more directly into the healthcare delivery system. Together, these approaches underpin a robust, statewide transformation effort to achieve Iowa's SIM vision: **Transforming Healthcare to Improve the Health of Iowans.**

Guiding Principle

The Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME) is responsible for supporting the healthcare delivery system's ability to analyze data, improve care, and track program measures by sharing reliable and consistent information in a timely way. The healthcare delivery system is responsible for analyzing and taking action on data by maximizing resources and implementing improved processes. Both the IME and the healthcare delivery system are ultimately responsible for improving population health and the delivery of healthcare as well as lowering the total cost of care (triple aim).

Dashboard Refreshed April 1, 2016: The Value Index Score (VIS) Dashboard tool now reflects claims paid through December 31, 2015.

Current Statistics: There are a total of 715,394 Medicaid members analyzed in the dashboard. They fit into the following health status categories:

- Healthy and Non Users 68.90%
- Pregnancy/Delivery 1.41%
- Significant Acute 6.99%
- Minor Chronic 7.02%
- Moderate Chronics 9.16%
- Dominant Chronics 6.09%
- Malignancies and Catastrophic .42%



Current VIS Scores and Trends by Value-Based Purchasing Organizations (VBPO): The chart below is indicative of an entire years’ worth of data. The IME would like to thank our valued partners for their ongoing progress in Transforming the Health Care of Iowans.

VBPO VIS Scores	Dec 2014 - Jan 2015	Feb/Mar 2015	April 2015	May/June 2015	July 2015	August 2015	September 2015	October 2015	December 2015
U of I Health Alliance	52.80%	54.60%	50.60%	49.10%	54.50%	55.50%	56.90%	54.00%	56.90%
Unity Point -HP	58.30%	60.10%	63.00%	60.30%	64.80%	62.40%	62.40%	61.60%	62.00%
Broadlawn	41.10%	39.80%	46.00%	43.30%	44.90%	47.50%	50.60%	57.00%	57.50%
Iowa Health +	49.90%	49.40%	49.40%	51.00%	52.60%	54.10%	55.90%	55.90%	59.70%
Mercy ACO	N/A	N/A	59.60%	59.50%	63.50%	62.30%	61.90%	60.70%	56.90%
No – ACO	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	38.40%	37.70%

- * Number of qualifying VIS members attributed to a provider within an ACO -163,053
- * Number of Providers associated with an Accountable Care Organization (ACO) with enough data to receive a score - 593
- * Number of qualifying VIS members NOT attributed to a provider within an ACO - 178,060
- * Number of providers NOT associated with an ACO with enough data to receive a score - 592

Informational Letters (ILs) of Interest to VBPOs:

All ILs can be found on the [DHS website](#)¹. Here are a few that may interest providers working on VBP concepts:

- IL 1594 – MC: IA Health Link Transition- Updates
- IL 1593 – MC: IHH Provider and Member Enrollment for FFS
- IL 1587 – Electronic Health Record Incentive Program
- IL 1584 – Tips and Tools for FFS – IHH
- IL 1583 – Tips and Tools for FFS – HH
- IL 1572 – Termination Notice of ACO Agreements (and a link to the VBP MOU to support data sharing)

Baseline Letters: Provider baselines for the 2016 VIS have been set and providers have been sent letters indicating their individualized scores. An Excel file has also been sent electronically to identify the Primary Care Physicians (PCPs) within each ACO. Although these baselines will not be used to determine bonus payments paid by the IME, they will be instrumental in driving quality improvement efforts and any value-based purchasing agreement the ACO establishes with an MCO.

Collaborating with MCOs: During the month of March the IME hosted two educational sessions for the MCOs. The first session focused on the 3M Dashboard tool as it is today and discussed how it will be a useful tool as they work to develop their VBP agreements. The second session gave the MCOs an inside look into the use of the AssessMyHealth Health Risk Assessment. On April 11, 2016, the MCOs will be participating in the SIM Leadership meeting where they will discuss how each of their organizations plan to support the vision and goals of the SIM. As we move through this transition the IME will continue collaboration with the MCOs to ensure they are integrated and effective partners in advancing our SIM goals.

¹ <https://dhs.iowa.gov/ime/providers/rulesandpolicies/bulletins/bulletins2015>



Statewide Alert Notification (SWAN) System: Broadlawns, Unity Point, and Iowa Health Plus are LIVE and receiving alerts! Mercy and UofI Health Alliance are making significant progress. During the month of March alone, a total of 2940 alerts were created. The IME was able to see that 21 hospital locations had alerts sent out and 2348 alerts generated for each ACO involved in the SWAN System. The total alerts for ACO patients who had an event outside of their assigned ACO totaled 1410 alerts. These real time alerts are opportunities to enhance care coordination. Due to the success of the SWAN system, the weekly claims based Inpatient reports stored in the 3M dashboard are no longer needed and will cease.

Total alerts during March for ACO patients who had an event outside their assigned ACO

Broadlawns Medical Center	Iowa health plus	Mercy	UI Health Alliance	UnityPoint	Grand Total
72	684	282	204	168	1410

NEW! SIM Website: The SIM website reflects the collaborative work between the IME, the Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH), and the Iowa Healthcare Collaborative (IHC). Updates will be added regularly and the site will serve as a point of information for healthcare transformation and alignment related to the Iowa SIM initiatives. Access the [SIM web page](#)².

Community Care Coalition (C3): Award date for the C3s was February 19, 2016. Six awards were made spanning twenty counties. Some of the C3s received implementation awards and others received developmental awards. Project period began March 7, 2016. More information can be found on the [SIM web page](#), the [care coordination web page](#)³, as well as, in the [operational plan](#)⁴ that is posted. There will be future C3 awards and communities that did not receive funding in this round will still be recognized and receive technical assistance opportunities to develop their capabilities .

SIM Learning Collaborative: A SIM Conference was held on March 8, 2016 at the Prairie Meadows Events and Conference Center in Altoona. The day-long event brought together healthcare professionals from across the care continuum to introduce the SIM project. It underscored the cooperative nature of the project across the healthcare stakeholder communities of provider, payer, and public health and detailed the statewide strategies promoted in the SIM project. The next SIM Learning Collaborative will be July 12, 2016 at the Prairie Meadows Events and Conference Center. Registration will be on the [IHC website](#)⁵ and registration information will be made public closer to the event date. There will also be a Care Coordination Conference to be held on June 15, 2016 and registration information will be available on the IHC website closer to the event date.

Monthly Claims Sharing Process: The process to share claims with VBPO providers on a monthly basis kicked off in October 2014. This process established that once your ACO has successfully

² <http://dhs.iowa.gov/ime/about/initiatives/newSIMhome>

³ <http://dhs.iowa.gov/ime/about/initiatives/newSIMhome/CC>

⁴ https://dhs.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/SIM_Operational_Plan_20160122_AmendedforOAGM.pdf

⁵ <http://www.ihconline.org/asp/sim/sim.aspx>

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accepted a test file, you would need to notify 3M to receive the three year file. Regular claim updates will be sent each time the 3M Treo Dashboard is refreshed (approximately monthly). If your VBPO is interested in receiving claims, please email Marni Bussell at mbussel@dhs.state.ia.us to start the Claims Sharing Process.

In July 2015, there were minor updates to the claims data file layout. Refer to the Document Library in the [3M Treo Dashboard homepage](#)⁶ to retrieve the most up-to-date file layout specifications.

Important Links:

- [3M Treo Dashboard](#)
- [Assess My Health, Health Risk Assessment \(HRA\)](#)⁷
- [DHS Website](#)⁸
- [SIM Web Page](#)⁹

Please feel free to share this information with others in your VBPO. If you'd like to subscribe to these email notifications, please email "subscribe" along with your name, organization and contact information to mbussel@dhs.state.ia.us.

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⁶ <https://www.treoservices.net/portal/login.aspx>

⁷ <https://www.assessmyhealth.com/>

⁸ <http://dhs.iowa.gov>

⁹ <http://dhs.iowa.gov/ime/about/initiatives/newSIMhome>