

## Timeline

-  **Request for Applications (RFA) Released**  
January 9, 2018
-  **Application Portal Opens**  
January 11, 2018
-  **Application Portal Closes**  
March 12, 2018
-  **Model Go Live**  
October 1, 2018
-  **Next Application Opportunity**  
January 1, 2020

## Essential Information: Who Can Apply?



CMS seeks participation in the BPCI Advanced Model by health care providers who are already implementing care redesign, as well as those eager to experiment with transforming their care delivery system from one reliant on Medicare Fee-for-Service (FFS) to one that is more focused on efficiently optimizing outcomes of care. The Model is open to entities that are either Medicare-enrolled or not Medicare-enrolled providers or suppliers.



### Two Categories of Participants

#### Convener Participants

Brings together multiple downstream entities, referred to as *Episode Initiators* (EIs). Facilitates coordination among its EIs and bears and apportions financial risk.



#### Non-Convener Participants

Any Participant that is in itself an Episode Initiator (EI) and therefore bears full risk on behalf of itself, rather than on behalf of multiple downstream EIs.



The Applicant is the potential Non-Convener Participant, or the potential Convener Participant

### Key Applicant Partners Fall into Two Categories

- Participating Practitioners** - including suppliers who may be separately paid by Medicare for their professional services (e.g., physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, physical therapists)
- Episode Initiators** – which may be a Physician Group Practice (PGP) or an Acute Care Hospital (ACH)

### Key Considerations for Applicants

- Experience with cross-provider care improvement
- Begun to redesign care (or preparing to do so)
- Capable of meeting or exceeding the threshold for reporting on quality measures required under the Participation Agreement
- Ability to enter into Participation Agreements with CMS that impose financial and performance accountability for Clinical Episodes
- Conveners who are not Medicare providers will be required to provide an irrevocable line of credit or similarly enforceable mechanism.
- Participants are accepted into the initiative based on the contents of their application and ability to pass multiple levels of program integrity and law enforcement screening.

## Application Sections

- Organizational Information
- Practitioner Engagement and Care Improvement
- Net Payment Reconciliation Amount (NPRA) Sharing
- Quality Improvement
- Quality Assurance
- Beneficiary Protections
- Financial Arrangements
- Organizational Readiness and Partnerships
- Certification



**KEY QUESTION:** Will you be able to attest to the use of certified electronic health record technology (CEHRT) at the time that you would begin participating in the initiative? This is a requirement of all Advanced Alternative Payment Models.

## Required Attachments

- **All Applicants** must submit a **Data Request and Attestation (DRA) Form** in order to request the data used to calculate prospectively determined preliminary Target Prices and/or historical Medicare claims data from CMS.
- **Convener Applicants** must download and populate the “**Participating Organizations**” attachment.
- **PGPs and Convener Applicants** that have PGPs as Participating Organizations must download and populate the “**PGP Practitioners List**” attachment.



All attachments are available for download at the CMS Innovation website:  
<https://innovation.cms.gov/initiatives/bpci-advanced>

## Ready to Apply?



Submit your application via the BPCI Advanced Application Portal:  
<https://app1.innovation.cms.gov/bpciadvancedapp>  
Paper applications submitted via email will not be accepted.



Make sure you checked and completed all sections. Incomplete applications will not be processed. Make sure you include all applicable attachments!

## Need Help?

For more information and the application template, visit our website:

<https://innovation.cms.gov/initiatives/bpci-advanced>

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