

Expanded Home Health Value-Based Purchasing (HHVBP) Model

HHVBP Newsletter – February 2023

The HHVBP Newsletter provides home health agencies (HHAs) with the latest information about the expanded HHVBP Model as well as important tools, news, and timely insights from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and the HHVBP Model Technical Assistance (TA) Team. Please consider sharing this newsletter within your organization.

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HHVBP Model Highlights

HHA Survey Release: Invitation to Provide Feedback

The HHVBP Model TA Team invites you to participate in a [brief survey](#). We hope to learn more about your HHA’s experience with the resources provided for the expanded HHVBP Model and identify areas for future outreach and education. Your input in this survey is vital and appreciated.

Who should respond? We would like to hear from anyone actively involved in your HHA’s expanded HHVBP Model efforts. We encourage you to share the survey link with others. The survey can be completed by one (1) individual or multiple individuals, or you may find it helpful to assemble your HHA’s expanded HHVBP Model team and complete the survey as a group. *Completing this survey is voluntary and anonymous unless you choose to provide your contact information at the end.*

How will the data be used? CMS will use the survey data to shape the development of future events, communications, and educational products to support HHAs’ implementation of the expanded Model. The survey will cover the following topics:

1. Background information
2. Experience with the expanded HHVBP Model
3. Familiarity with the expanded Model’s current or existing educational resources
4. Preferences towards future communications and educational resources

We anticipate the survey will take no more than 15 minutes to complete. The last day to complete this survey is March 31, 2023. Thank you in advance for your time. For questions about the expanded Model or this survey, please email the HHVBP Model Help Desk at HHVBPquestions@lewin.com.

Provide feedback on your HHA's experience with the expanded HHVBP Model resources and request topics for future resources by completing [this brief survey](#).

Responses are anonymous unless you provide your contact information at the end.

Register Now: "Strategies for Success Self-Assessment Tool" Live Streaming Event

The HHVBP Model TA Team is hosting a live streaming event, *Strategies for Success Self-Assessment Tool*, at **2:30 PM ET on Thursday, March 30, 2023**. This event will introduce a new quality improvement resource that HHAs can use to identify recommended best practices in home health care and prioritize performance improvement actions. The self-assessment tool presented during this event can be used for evaluating the application of nine (9) recommended best practices in the areas of assessment, care planning, monitoring, patient engagement, and maintenance coverage. Attendees will have the opportunity to submit questions during the event. Click here to register:

https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Bcl3AWXgQuuc-5HhIO7IsA.



ICYMI (In Case You Missed It)

First Performance Year Quick Guide

On January 19, 2023, the HHVBP TA Team hosted the live streaming event, *"First Performance Year Quick Guide."* During this event, the TA Team provided HHAs with a review of what to expect in the first performance year of the expanded Model, including a timeline for expanded Model performance reports and strategic planning activities to consider. The event followed an SBAR (situation, background, assessment, and recommendation) format, leading to a recommendation that HHAs conduct a strategic review of quality performance and develop and implement an action plan to address identified opportunities for improvement.

Reminder:

There are no additional data submission requirements for the expanded HHVBP Model. The expanded Model quality measure set aligns with data already submitted via the OASIS Data Item Set, Medicare fee-for-service claims, and HHCAPPS Surveys.

The recording, slides, and downloadable resource for this event are available on the [Expanded HHVBP Model webpage](#) under "Quality Improvement". For questions, please email the HHVBP Model Help Desk at HHVBPquestions@lewin.com.



Resource Spotlight

Updated Edition of FAQs Available

The February 2023 edition of the *"Expanded HHVBP Model Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)"* is available on the [Expanded HHVBP Model webpage](#). The FAQs assist HHAs in understanding common

terms and essential elements of the expanded HHVBP Model and requirements under the [Calendar Year \(CY\) 2023 Home Health Prospective Payment System \(HH PPS\) final rule](#). The HHVBP TA Team provides updates to the FAQs as needed and notifies HHAs that have signed up to receive communications when an updated version is available on the Expanded HHVBP Model webpage.



Literature Link

CMS Innovation Center's Most Successful Alternative Payment Models

The Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMS Innovation Center) recently submitted its sixth (6th) report to Congress on the progress of more than 50 alternative payment and care delivery model tests. Out of over 50 tests launched, 33 models are now, or still, operational. The report covers a two (2) year period and asserts that over 314,000 healthcare providers or plans have impacted medical care of over 41.5 million Medicare or Medicaid beneficiaries, as well as commercially insured individuals.

Quality of care and cost savings are the two (2) most important metrics in which CMMI uses to evaluate the success of alternative payment and care delivery models. To date, only six (6) models' tests have delivered statistically significant improvement in cost savings, and four (4) have been considered eligible for expansion.

The six (6) most successful alternative payment models in terms of cost savings include:

- ACO Investment Model (AIM)
- Home Health Value-Based Purchasing (HHVBP) Model
- Maryland All-Payer Model (MDAPM)
- Medicare Care Choices Model (MCCM)
- Medicare Prior Authorization Model: Repetitive Scheduled Non-Emergent Ambulance Transport (RSNAT) Model
- Pioneer Accountable Care Organization (ACO) Model

Notably, two (2) of the models showed significant improvements in quality:

- HHHVBP Model exhibited a continued trend with significant improvement in Total Performance Scores relative to a comparison group.
- MCCM showed significant improvements in the quality of care received at the end of life.

The [full report](#) is available on the [CMS website](#) under the CMS Innovation Center's Data & Reports page.

Contact Us

Please **do not reply to this email**. This is an unmonitored inbox. If you require assistance, use the following options:

- For program questions about the expanded HHVBP Model, contact the **HHVBP Model Help Desk** at HHVBPquestions@lewin.com.
- For support with registration for the Internet Quality Improvement and Evaluation System ([iQIES](#)), please contact the **QIES/iQIES Service Center** by phone at **(800) 339-9313** or by email at iqies@cms.hhs.gov. You may also refer to the *iQIES Onboarding Guide* posted to QTSO for registration support: <https://qtso.cms.gov/software/iqies/reference-manuals>.

- To receive email updates about the expanded Model, please subscribe to the [Expanded HHVBP Model listserv](#). Enter your email address in the contact form, then select “Home Health Value-Based Purchasing (HHVBP) Expanded Model” from the Innovations list.
- Please contact the **Home Health Quality Reporting Program (HH QRP) Help Desk** at homehealthqualityquestions@cms.hhs.gov for questions about the following: Home Health Quality, including Care Compare (excluding HHCAHPS), OASIS coding and OASIS documentation, quality reporting requirements & deadlines, data reported in quality reports, measure calculations, Quality of Patient Care Star Rating (excluding suppression requests), public reporting, risk adjustment, and Quality Assessment Only (QAO)/Pay for Reporting (P4P).
- Please contact the **Home Health CAHPS Help Desk** at hhcahps@rti.org for questions related to the HHCAHPS Survey or Patient Survey Star Ratings.

Not sure which help desk to use? Check out the [Guide to Home Health Help Desks!](#)