



connecticut state innovation model

SIM at a Glance

The State Innovation Model (SIM) program is a Center for Medicare & Medicaid Innovation (CMMI) initiative to support the development and implementation of state-led, multi-payer healthcare payment and service delivery model reforms that will promote healthier people, better care, and smarter spending in participating states. As part of this program, Connecticut released its State Healthcare Innovation Plan (SHIP) articulating a shared vision to transform healthcare:

Vision: *Establish a whole-person-centered healthcare system that improves community health and eliminates health inequities; ensures superior access, quality, and care experience; empowers individuals to actively participate in their health and health care; and improves affordability by reducing healthcare costs.*

In 2014 Connecticut received a \$45 million State Innovation Model (SIM) grant from CMMI to implement its plan for achieving this vision over a four year period (2015-2019). The SIM Program Management Office facilitates the execution of the SIM Test Grant and Innovation Plan.

Despite the resources Connecticut devotes to healthcare, consumers often face an uncoordinated and fragmented system. This system does not consistently perform well, as is witnessed by our high emergency department utilization rates, especially for preventable conditions; high hospital readmissions rates and; significant racial, ethnic and economic health disparities.

In addition, growth in healthcare spending has outpaced the growth of our economy. In 2012, healthcare spending in Connecticut was \$29 billion, the third highest per capita among all states. These outcomes raise concerns about access to care and the long-term affordability of healthcare coverage. High healthcare costs also strain the resources available for other governmental programs such as education and housing, and threaten the ability of government to sustain social services and Medicaid benefits. Increasingly, employers pass on the costs of insurance to employees and customers; and the competitiveness of Connecticut's businesscommunity is endangered.



Improve Population Health

Reduce the statewide rates of diabetes, obesity, and tobacco use



Improve Health Care Outcomes

Improve performance on key quality measures, including preventative care and care experience



Promote Health Equity

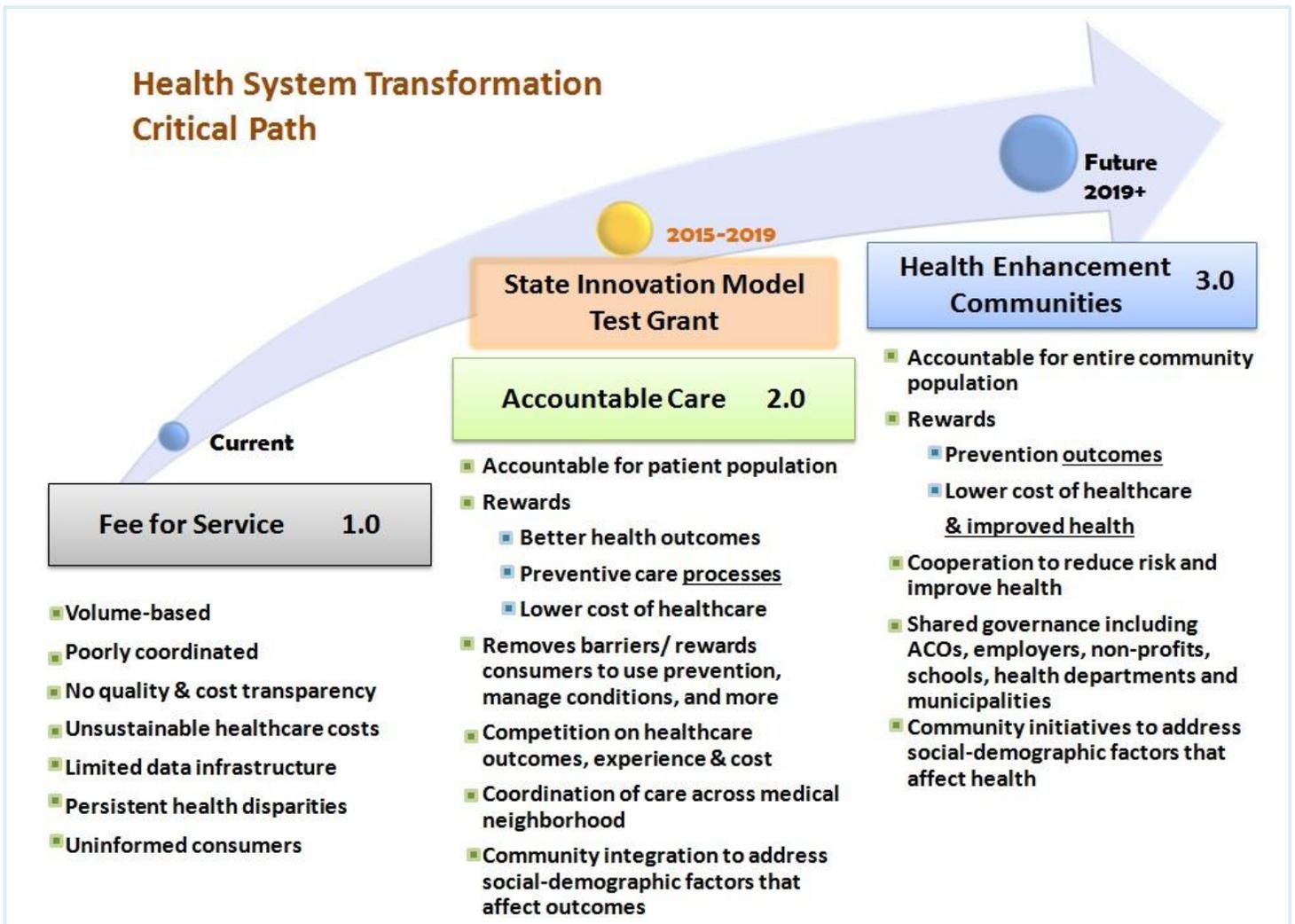
Close the health disparity gap between the highest and lowest achieving populations for key quality measures



Reduce Healthcare Costs

Achieve a 1-2% reduction in the annual rate of healthcare growth

Connecticut's SIM moves Connecticut's health care system along a path of transformation:



Connecticut's SIM proposes a multi-pronged strategy to transform Connecticut's healthcare system for the majority of residents. We promote a transition away from paying for volume of services towards payments based on whether people receive care that leads to better healthcare and lower growth in costs. We will provide technical assistance and supports to healthcare providers that want to succeed in these new payment models, so that they can connect individuals to community and behavioral supports, deploy community health workers, use data to track and improve their performance, and more.

Simultaneously, we will engage consumers by promoting insurance plans that remove financial barriers to, or introduce rewards for preventive care, medication adherence, chronic disease management, and high-quality provider selection. Lastly, we will create a Population Health Plan that combines innovations in clinical healthcare delivery, payment reform, and population health strategies to improve health as a community approach, rather than one focused solely on patient panels.

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