



## **Value-Based Purchasing (VBP) and COVID-19 Related Impacts**

MaineCare recognizes that providers who participate in VBP initiatives have unique concerns about how changes to health care delivery will impact their performance in alternative payment models. MaineCare is committed to making appropriate adjustments to all VBP programs that may be impacted by this pandemic. This includes changing our performance assessment and benchmarking methodologies to ensure VBP providers are not inappropriately penalized for the costs or changes in quality/utilization that result from COVID-19 and allowing flexibility with reporting/program deadlines.

Please see the list below for specific changes in the immediate term. This list will be revised and updated as we learn more about the duration of the pandemic and the level of impact on our VBP programs.

### **Behavioral Health Homes (BHH) Pay-for-Performance**

- Performance reports will be sent out at the end of April covering a performance period of January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019. MaineCare will forgo any recoupment for this reporting period and for future performance periods, until further notice. Also, rebuttals will not be collected for this time period to ease provider administrative burden.
- Behavioral Health Homes will continue to receive data from MaineCare.

### **Primary Care Provider Incentive Payments (PCPIP)**

- The July 2020 incentive payments cover a time period of October 1, 2018 – September 30, 2019 and will be issued as usual.
- The January 2021 and July 2021 payment reports will be adjusted to exclude data from the impacted timeframe. Any specific adjustments to the payment methodology will be determined as the data is reviewed. Payments will continue to be made on the existing schedule.
- Primary care practices will continue to receive all payment-related and non-payment-related data reports from MaineCare.

### **Data Focused Learning Collaborative (DFLC)/Public Reporting on Adolescent Well-Care Visits**

- Data will not be publicly reported for any period that includes COVID-19 impacts.
- Practices will continue to receive data covering the agreed upon timeframes for informational purposes only.

## **Accountable Communities (AC)**

- MaineCare will work with our analytics vendor to make appropriate adjustments to all impacted aspects of the AC program, which may include spending targets, performance scores, patient attribution, risk adjustment, etc.

## **Questions?**

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