

Independence at Home Demonstration
Fact Sheet
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Overview

The Independence at Home (IAH) Demonstration, authorized by Section 3024 of the Affordable Care Act, will test a service delivery model that utilizes physician and nurse practitioner directed primary care teams to provide services to certain Medicare beneficiaries in their homes. Participating practices will be accountable for providing comprehensive, coordinated, continuous, and accessible care to high-need populations at home and coordinate health care across all treatment settings. Participating practices may share in any savings under the demonstration program if specified quality measures and savings targets are achieved.

Demonstration Design

The legislation mandates that the participating practices form a legal entity that has experience in providing home-based primary care services to clinically ill high cost Medicare beneficiaries. According to the Affordable Care Act, the IAH participating practice will report on quality measures to monitor and evaluate the demonstration, utilize electronic health systems, and accept other criteria as determined appropriate by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).

The demonstration will define an applicable beneficiary as an individual who has been determined to be entitled to benefits under part A and enrolled under part B, not enrolled in a Medicare Advantage plan or the Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly, must have two or more chronic illnesses as designated by CMS, must have a non-elective hospital admission within the past 12 months, must have two or more functional dependencies requiring the assistance of another person, and must meet other criteria as specified by the legislation.

Timeline

This demonstration, currently under development, is slated to begin January 1, 2012, and will run for 3 years.

Demonstration's website:

<http://www.cms.gov/DemoProjectsEvalRpts/MD/itemdetail.asp?filterType=none&filterByDID=-99&sortByDID=3&sortOrder=descending&itemID=CMS1240082&intNumPerPage=10>