



Innovative Healthcare Payment and Delivery to be Piloted in Arkansas

Arkansas, along with California, Colorado, and North Carolina, has been selected to participate in a new multi-stakeholder initiative to advance Alternative Payment Models that improve outcomes, equity, and value for all Arkansas residents.

Arkansas is committed to finding new ways to improve healthcare quality, access, and outcomes for all Arkansas residents through more person-centered and value-based care. Arkansas' payers, purchasers, providers, and other healthcare industry leaders are excited to announce our new partnership with the [Health Care Payment Learning and Action Network \(LAN\)](#) on a state-based initiative, the State Transformation Collaboratives (STCs). The State Transformation Collaboratives will accelerate the movement towards alternative payment models that drive higher quality and more equitable care through state-level alignment on key elements of healthcare delivery model design and implementation. Through this partnership, we will strive to find better ways to pay for and deliver care here in Arkansas and achieve greater engagement by employers to alternative payment models as well as continued evolution of value-based payment for the Arkansas health care system.

Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Administrator Chiquita Brooks-LaSure announced the launch of the State Transformation Collaboratives and the states selected to participate at this year's [2021 Health Care Payment Learning and Action Network's \(LAN\) Summit](#). Administrator Brooks-LaSure emphasized the importance of state-level collaboration between Medicare, Medicaid, and commercial payers to support industry progress in critical areas including advanced primary care, behavioral health integration, and health equity. Arkansas is honored to be selected to participate along with California, Colorado, and North Carolina, and be part of an initiative to provide more equitable, accessible, and high value care for all Arkansas residents.

"Each of the stakeholders in our healthcare system want to ensure that people enjoy good health and experience optimal healthcare outcomes – both in terms of quality and cost," said Alicia Berkemeyer, executive vice president and chief health management officer for Arkansas Blue Cross and Blue Shield. "This coalition represents a convergence of this shared purpose and enhances it by aligning all the parties around shared strategies, goals and measurements. We are hopeful that positive results in Arkansas can be duplicated throughout the country and elevate our entire national healthcare system."

About the LAN

The Health Care Payment Learning & Action Network (HCP-LAN or LAN) is an active group of public and private healthcare leaders dedicated to providing thought leadership, strategic direction, and ongoing support to accelerate our care system's adoption of alternative payment models (APMs). The LAN mobilizes payers, providers, purchasers, patients, product manufacturers, policymakers, and others in a shared mission to lower care costs, improve patient experiences and outcomes, reduce the barriers to APM participation, and promote shared accountability.

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