

Since the passage of the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act (MACRA) of 2015 and implementation of the ensuing Medicare Quality Payment Program (QPP), several payment arrangements tied to physician performance have been implemented. Programs such as Comprehensive Primary Care Plus (CPC+), Primary Care First (PCF), and the Accountable Care Organization Realizing Equity, Access, and Community Health (ACO REACH) Model are among the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' (CMS) most well-known Alternative Payment Models (APMs).

A new voluntary primary care [model](#), "Making Care Primary" (MCP), will launch in July 2024 in eight states (CO, NC, NJ, NM, NY, MA, MN, WA). These and other programs have positive elements such as prospective payments, practice transformation, and care coordination. However, ACP has also offered recommendations for improvement, some of which have been considerations in MCP's development.

CMS has [released](#) a Request for Applications (RFA) detailing model payment, care delivery, quality, and other policies for the MCP model. Interested applicants may apply to the model through the Application Portal which opens on September 4, 2023, and closes on November 30, 2023.

For a comparison of CPC+ and MCP, see the table at the bottom of the page. For ACP's statement on the model release, including how MCP incorporates some of the key elements the College proposed in the Medical Home Neighborhood model that was submitted to the Physician-Focused Payment Model Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC) and approved by HHS, see [here](#). For CMS's FAQs on the MCP model, see [here](#).

MCP boasts an unprecedented extended model length of 10.5 years, which offers participants in the model extended time to become familiar with and adjust to model requirements; this timeframe also provides CMS with a greater opportunity to show overall program savings and model stability. Eligible participants include solo primary care practices, Indian Health Programs,

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⁵https://assets.acponline.org/acp_policy/letters/acp_response_to_health_innovation_caucus_rfi_on_value_based_payment_and_health_it_2018.pdf

¹¹ <https://innovation.cms.gov/innovation-models/making-care-primary>

¹²https://assets.acponline.org/acp_policy/letters/acp_letter_to_cms_on_making_primary_care_model_2023.pdf?_gl=1*11dxbic*_ga*NDMzNj