



Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP) Pool

Through the approval of the KanCare Section 1115 Demonstration Waiver, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) is allowing KDHE Division of Health Care Finance (DHCF) to make special payments to certain hospitals that participate in reforms which benefit the wider health care delivery system. These hospitals must plan and implement significant system reform projects over five years that are consistent with the three-part aim CMS has for improving health care:

- Better individual care
- Better population health
- Lower cost through improvement

The participating hospitals are major Medicaid providers and regional leaders with extensive network relationships with other providers in Kansas. As such they are capable of impacting a broader segment of the health care system than just their immediate areas.

DHCF will develop planning and funding protocols for approval by CMS, but prior to this, a list of focus areas must be created which are connected to the three-part aim. Development of this list must include stakeholder input and the list will be submitted to CMS for approval. Participating hospitals must choose at least two projects from the focus areas list.

CMS has laid out categories of milestones that the hospital projects must include:

- Infrastructure – tools, technology and human resources improvements
- Process – changes and improvements to processes
- Quality and Outcomes – impact of quality metrics and outcomes
- Population Focused Improvements – evaluation of the broader impact of the hospital projects

KDHE/DHCF plans to use Healthy Kansans 2020 as the framework for the focus areas and will ask for input from the Steering Committee to help create the list of focus areas.

The Section 1115 Demonstration Waiver provides more details about the DSRIP Pool Project and can be found here: http://www.kancare.ks.gov/docs/default-source/about-kancare/history-of-kancare/1115-history-documents/kancare_stcs_idd_amendment_01_29_14.pdf?sfvrsn=5. The conditions related to DSRIP begin on page 42.