



California Advanced Primary Care Initiative

Large payers of health care in California have voluntarily committed to work together through 2025 to strengthen Advanced Primary Care throughout the state.

Why do we need this?

Primary care is the foundation of a high functioning health care system; however, many practices are unable to achieve their full potential due to chronic underinvestment and inflexible payment models that don't support proactive, outcomes-driven care.

How will primary care be strengthened?

- Greater investment in primary care, which provides better quality and outcomes, and lower overall health care costs
- Wide-scale adoption of value-based payment models that are flexible, prospective, enable team-based care and pay incentives on a small evidence-based set of measures
- Reduction of administrative burden for clinicians and teams
- Integration with other systems of care such as behavioral health
- Multi-payer alignment to initiate and sustain this large system shift in a coordinated way

What will payers do?

	Goals	Impact to Practices
Transparency	Measure and Report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Primary Care investment • Growth of value-based Payment models • Performance on the Advanced Primary Care measure set 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visibility of performance variation and progress • Accountability and data-driven goal setting for improvement • Common standards and definitions to align the system and create clear expectations for practices
Primary Care Payment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adopt a common value-based payment model to support Advanced Primary Care • Ensure consistent patient access to PCP/team 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Common payment model across a practice's patient panel, composed of many payers, enables sustainable transition to value-based business and clinical models • Continuous patient relationship with PCP and team to holistically manage care and enable payment model
Investment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase overall investment in primary care by setting a common investment goal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Higher investment in primary care to generate better outcomes without increasing overall cost
Practice Transformation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support integration of behavioral health services • Expand collection/use of race, ethnicity and language data for disparity improvement • Offer/sponsor technical assistance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expanded access to behavioral health • Visibility of disparities, enabling data-informed improvement toward health equity • Faster, more effective transition for practices to proactive, outcomes-driven care

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