

Good evening everyone –

This program builds on to the existing CPCI launched in 2012 that sunsets at the end of this year. Replacing it is the CPC+ program, set to begin in January 2017 and last for 5 years. CMS will pay its existing Medicare FFS beneficiaries in new ways and encourage Plans to do the same.

This initiative will be implemented in 20 regions and can accommodate up to 5,000 practices. The initiative seeks to gain participation from commercial and Medicaid payers to partner with CMS to support an enhanced primary care delivery model in each region.

Payers were asked to submit application by June 8, 2016. Regions with multi-payer participation would be given selection preference. For applications to even be scored a region needed to have at least 50% of the insured covered by CMS and the plans that applied. To our knowledge, Blue KC was the only commercial plan that applied in KC area and with Blue KC and CMS we are just at the minimum threshold.

If the region is selected, practices can then apply to participate in the program. There are two tracks for providers.

- Track 1 is FFS + a modest PMPM (\$15/MO) care management fee. Much like our existing Medical Home program. Practices would also be fronted a PMPM incentive based upon assumed quality that has to be earned.
- Track 2 is more aggressive with \$28 - \$100/beneficiary CM fee. There would be a reduction in E&M FFS payments and a larger incentive prepaid payment for quality if thresholds are met.

Practices can apply from July 16<sup>th</sup> – September 1<sup>st</sup> for their designated Tracks.

Additional information on the program is at:

<https://innovation.cms.gov/initiatives/comprehensive-primary-care-plus/>

Blue KC will know if it's been selected by July 15, 2016. We submitted I think an excellent application. You can email me at: [david.garrett@bluekc.com](mailto:david.garrett@bluekc.com)