

Health Care Innovation Investments



Health Care Innovation Investment (HCII) Program was established in Chapter 224 to foster innovation in health care payment and service delivery in order to **improve quality and further efforts to meet the health care cost growth benchmark.**

On January 20, 2016 the HPC’s Board approved the program design for HCII and allocated \$5 million over the life of the program. The program addresses eight challenges for cost containment in the Commonwealth, and encourages payers and a range of providers to participate in innovative partnerships.

- **DESIGN COMPONENTS:** The proposed design has three central components: partnerships (applicants must engage in meaningful collaborations to meet patients’ needs); sustainability (investments should bring promising delivery and payment innovations); and, costs (investments must demonstrate rapid cost-savings impact, with measurable savings within 18 months of operations).
- **ELIGIBILITY:** Any Payer or Provider (includes a broad array of provider types). Applicants must propose partners of spanning service types (e.g. a payer and a provider collaborating to test an innovative payment arrangement to implement a new model to support end of life care, or a provider, an employer, and a technology partner testing a model of direct-to-consumer telemedicine offerings to increase employee access to behavioral health services.)
- **AWARD:** In the first proposed round of HCII investments, applicants may apply for up to \$750,000 over 18 months to address one or more of eight challenge areas.

- **SELECTION CRITERIA:** Proposals will be evaluated based on impact (cost savings, quality, and access), evidence base, innovativeness (partnership, process, and tools), sustainability, and operational feasibility.

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1. Social needs of high-risk/high-cost patients
2. Behavioral health care (including substance use disorders)
3. Value-informed choices by purchasers
4. Value-informed choices by providers
5. Cost-variation in hip-knee replacements and other episodes of care
6. Reduce over-utilization of post-acute settings
7. Improve end of life and advanced care planning
8. Expand site and scope of care for paramedical and medical providers

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