

Bipartisan Working Group on Reinventing Primary Care

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Executive Summary

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Goal:

Discuss the *Policy 2.0: Using Open Innovation to Reinvent Primary Care* project, leveraging the tremendous knowledge base of the Bipartisan Working Group to problem solve with project team leaders and devise credible paths for addressing urgent resource shortages, and for maximizing innovation and cost savings in acute, preventative, and chronic care delivery.

Key Points From Discussions

Main Issues

No coordinated market: innovation is fragmented across plans, payers and providers – the market needs access to comprehensive, coordinated and integrated primary care.

Take-up of innovation is slow: there are robust models of innovation out there, but they are slow to spread.

Key Points From Discussions (cont)

Shortage is not just about numbers: the real impact of the shortage of primary care practitioners is felt not through the numbers in the system but through their geographic distribution and the lack of access in underserved areas.

Takeover risk: there is a risk that hospitals and Accountable Care Organizations will take over the primary care market as it scales up – it is important that primary care continues to develop as an alternative to hospital care, rather than a revenue feeder into hospitals.

Main Priority

We need to identify and address the barriers to and drivers of innovation spread and scalability (including tapping into the experiences of other countries), rather than duplicating the efforts of existing innovation leaders.

Proposed Products

- Build a coalition in support of reform.
- Put forward recommendations for action that:
 - Provide directions for standardized scope of practice;
 - Target technology enablers of reform and innovation;
 - Treat barriers and incentives for scalability;
 - Focus on innovations with a demonstrable return on investment; and
 - Identify innovative curriculum models and determine admission practices and curriculum criteria for effective recruitment and training.
- Develop tools to measure the value of innovation and support the spread of innovation.

Key Stakeholder Groups / Audience

- Democratic and Republican Governors' Associations
- Legislative Groups (e.g. Milbank Fund, State Legislative Associations)
- Consumer Groups
- Technology Industry
- Major Employers
- Centers for Medicaid and Medicare and State Medicaid Programs
- Academic institutions
- Young practitioners / students
- Nursing leaders
- Health plans

Next Steps:

- Continue building network of advisors;
- Develop a map of the current state of reform in primary care as a basis for a gap analysis;
- Work with Team Leaders to undertake a gap analysis of reform;
- Use the gap analysis to agree with Team Leaders on the specific scope and focus of the Reinventing Primary Care Project;
- Begin Recruitment for project participants; and
- Bipartisan Working Group participants to advise their willingness to participate in sessions as “drop-in experts” on the Policy 2.0 platform.