

Update on States Advancing All-Payer Health Equity Approaches and Development Model – or “AHEAD.”

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- The State of Vermont is exploring new federal opportunities through the Advancing All-Payer Health Equity Approaches and Development Model – or “AHEAD” Model
- One of many strategies Vermont is using to address health care challenges and achieve our health care goals.
- How AHEAD aligns with health care reform efforts
 - Medicare would join Vermont's efforts
 - Pays hospitals differently and in alignment with other payers
 - Allows hospitals to receive reliable payments and flexibilities to provide better care
 - Health payers can better plan for health care costs and focus on making it more affordable
 - Includes additional payments to primary care to improve coordination of services and quality of care
 - Maintains Medicare payments for Blueprint for Health and Support and Services at Home (SASH)
 - Focuses on health equity

AHEAD Model Timeline

- **March 18, 2024:** Applications for the first group of state participants were due. Vermont applied
- **By June 2024:** CMS announces which states were selected
- **July 1, 2024 to December 31, 2025:** Selected states work on designing the model and defining the terms of an agreement with the federal government. An agreement would need to be signed by July 1, 2025
- **January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2034:** Selected states launch the program for up to 9 years

Resources

For more information about Vermont's Health Care Reform Efforts and the AHEAD Model, please visit:

<https://humanservices.vermont.gov/health-care-reform>