

WHAT IS CMMI?

Created as part of the Affordable Care Act, the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI) has broad authority to test new payment and delivery models in Medicare, Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program. It has attempted to use this provision of statute to propose near-nationwide changes to Medicare that would limit access to care.

Most recently, the last Administration sought to test a change in Medicare policy under CMMI that would have limited beneficiaries' access to care for cancer and other diseases. The statute provides CMMI with sweeping authority to implement models that could jeopardize the quality of care available to beneficiaries. Without safeguards, CMMI may continue to pursue models that lack basic protections for patients and cut Congress off from its constitutional role of amending the law.

Why are CMMI safeguards needed?

- CMMI has flexibility to make broad far-reaching changes to Medicare because there are few limits on the size or duration of its tests.
- Although CMMI is supposed to get congressional approval before expanding models that alter Medicare and Medicaid laws, CMMI has failed to do so.
- CMMI's largely unchecked authority could result in negative consequences for patients, providers and stakeholders.

Safeguards are needed to protect patient access to needed care while preserving the Center's ability to test new, innovative payment and delivery models.

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