

TCPI Overview

The CMS Transforming Clinical Practice Initiative (TCPI), is a national four-year technical assistance program, launched in 2015, designed to help clinicians achieve large-scale health transformation in primary and specialty care practice settings. The initiative is designed to provide hands-on support to more than 140,000 clinicians by sharing, adapting and further developing their comprehensive quality improvement strategies. TCPI is one part of a strategy advanced by the Affordable Care Act to strengthen the quality of patient care and spend health care dollars more wisely. TCPI aligns with the criteria for innovative models set forth in the Affordable Care Act by

- Promoting broad payment and practice reform in primary care and specialty care,
- Promoting care coordination between providers of services and suppliers,
- Establishing community-based health teams to support chronic care management, and
- Promoting improved quality and reduced cost by developing a collaborative of institutions that support practice transformation.

The technical assistance provided through TCPI is designed to prepare clinicians and their practices for success under Medicare's Quality Payment Program (QPP), including the Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) and Alternative Payment Models (APMs).

The TCPI model will assist clinicians in improving the way they deliver care by providing technical assistance support for integrating sustainable quality and process improvement, and by building on and spreading existing change methodologies, practice transformation tools, published literature, and technical assistance programs. These changes will result in improved health outcomes for patients; improved care coordination; better engagement of patients and families in their care; improved patient, clinician and staff satisfaction; and reduce the overall cost of care.

TCPI is one of the largest federal investments uniquely designed to support clinician practices through nationwide, collaborative, and peer-based learning networks that facilitate large-scale practice transformation.

TCPI Aims

TCPI has identified seven measurable aims as the cornerstone of its' efforts. TCPI bold aims are to:

- Support more than 140,000 clinicians in their practice transformation work.
- Improve health outcomes for millions of Medicare, Medicaid and CHIP beneficiaries and other patients.
- Reduce unnecessary hospitalizations for 5 million patients.
- Sustain efficient care delivery by reducing unnecessary testing and procedures.
- Generate \$1 to \$4 billion in savings to the federal government and commercial payers.
- Transition 75% of practices completing the program to participation in Alternative Payment Models.
- Build the evidence base on practice transformation so that effective solutions can be scaled.

TCPI Structure.

To support the achievement of the TCPI Aims CMS has created three networks designed to assist clinicians through the transformation process. Clinicians and practices benefit from the coaching and technical assistance support provided by the TCPI networks as they move through five phases of transformation which include:

- Setting aims,

- Using data to drive care,
- Achieving progress on aims,
- Achieving benchmark status, and
- Thriving as a business via pay-for-value approaches

Practice Transformation Networks (PTNs) are peer-based learning networks designed to coach, mentor and assist clinicians in developing core competencies specific to practice transformation. Supporting clinicians and clinician practices in developing these core competencies allows clinicians to become actively engaged in the transformation and ensures collaboration among a broad community of practices that create, promote, and sustain learning and improvement across the health care system. Utilizing a practice assessment tool, PTNs work with practices to review current capabilities and develop a work plan to focus on areas of opportunity for improvement. Quality Improvement Advisors help the practice execute the work plan and access available tools and resources.

The Support and Alignment Networks (SANs) provide a system for workforce development utilizing national and regional professional associations and public-private partnerships that are currently working in practice transformation efforts. By utilizing existing and emerging tools (e.g., continuing medical education, maintenance of certification, core competency development) SANs help ensure sustainability of these efforts. SANs support the recruitment of clinician practices serving small, rural and medically underserved communities and play an active role in the alignment of new learning.

The Support and Alignment 2.0 Networks (SAN2.0) will identify, enroll, and provide tailored technical assistance to advanced clinician practices to accelerate transformation and diffuse this learning throughout the TCPI initiative. SAN2.0 awardees' activities, coaching, and technical assistance support a rapid transition of practices through five phases of transformation:

TCPI Change Package

TCPI has developed a robust Change Package to guide practice transformation efforts. The TCPI Change Package describes the changes needed to transform clinical practice and meet the TCPI aims and illustrates the relationships among aims, the primary drivers that contribute to achieving those aims, and the subsequent factors that are necessary to achieve the primary drivers. The three primary drivers are Patient and Family-Centered Care Design, Continuous Data-Driven Quality Improvement, and Sustainable Business Operations.

Are you a clinician interested in enrolling in TCPI?

TCPI participation earns credit toward the Improvement Activities portion of MIPS. Clinicians supported by TCPI include primary and specialty physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, clinical pharmacists, and their practices. Clinicians who are currently enrolled in Medicare Shared Savings Programs, Pioneer ACOs, Comprehensive Primary Care Initiative or Multi-Payer Advanced Primary Care Practice programs are not eligible to participate in TCPI.

Clinicians interested in joining TCPI should email TCPI.ISC@Truvenhealth.com to learn more about TCPI or express interest in joining the effort.

Additional information on TCPI can be found on the [CMS website](#).