# Minnesota SIM Initiative

Award \$45 million Period of performance October 1, 2013 to December 31, 2017

Pre-SIM Landscape

Minnesota eHealth Initiative

Funding issued for eHealth in 2006; EHRs widely adopted by 2013.

2008 Health Reform Law

Established 1) the HCH model, 2) the predecessor to the IHP model, and 3) the State Health Improvement Plan that laid initial ACH groundwork.

Health Care Homes

The State established HCHs in 2008 and implemented a certification process in 2010.

Reimbursement of Emerging Professions

Authorized Medicaid reimbursement for community health workers in 2007 and licensing of dental therapists in 2009. Other Investments in Reform

Expanded Medicaid benefits for adults, launched Medicare ACO models, and had other CMMI awards in place.

# **Strategies**

Symbols represent strategies that build on efforts that pre-date SIM.

#### Pursue payment reform

Minnesota facilitated successful participation in value-based purchasing models by a broad range of providers, with a focus on expanded participation in IHPs.

#### **Bolster health IT and data analytics**

The State issued grants to increase exchange of health information and effective use of data analytics, and addressed provider privacy and security concerns.

#### Pursue delivery system reform

Minnesota funded workforce development, engaged priority settings in ACHs, and expanded HCH participation. Reforms were inclusive of small and rural providers.

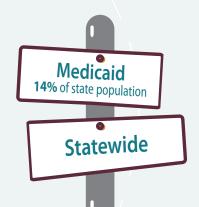
# Reach

as of December 2017

More than half (58%) of Minnesota's total Medicaid population was served by the state's IHP model.

## Integrated Health Partnership

58%



#### **Health Care Home**

70%

# Impact on Medicaid Population

- Relative improvement to CG
- S = No improvement relative to CG
- No statistically significant change

### **Integrated Health Partnership**

# Better Care Coordination

- Specialty provider visits
- 14-day follow up after inpatient admission
- Primary care provider visit Though not the expected finding, given other positive findings, the decreased PCP visit rate may reflect effective coordination outside the

traditional office setting.

Increased Quality of Care

- ► Hba1c testing Improvements in HbA1c testing rates were expected, given the model focus, confirming that focused incentives can yield improvements.
- Percentage of patients age 5–64 years with persistent asthma who were appropriately prescribed medication during the year
- Percentage of patients age 18 years and older diagnosed with a new episode of major depression and treated with antidepressant medication who remained on medication treatment at least 180 days





- ED visits
- 30-day readmissions
- Inpatient admissions

Though not expected, given other positive findings, increased rates of admission may reflect appropriate use of needed inpatient services.

Lower Total Spending<sup>3</sup>



- Professional PBPM spending
- Facility PBPM spending
- Total medical PBPM spending

#### Limitations

Minnesota used SIM funds to support a broad range of innovations, which may reduce the measurable effects of IHPs because of contamination of the comparison groups. Accordingly, the estimated effects represented here are conservative estimates. Even so, they represent a more realistic view of the impact the IHP model given that multiple health reforms are happening simultaneously in the state.

# Lessons Learned

- ☑ Successful collaboration between the two state agencies that led the SIM Initiative was key to making progress.
- ☑ Defining accountable care through the Continuum of Accountability Matrix was critical to expanding accountable care models.
- ☑ Clearly outlining roles and responsibilities was key to successfully integrating emerging professions.
- A successful balance between spreading funding across many providers and "stacking" grants to a single provider can help spur progress in providers' transformation.

<sup>\*</sup>We used Medicaid claims data from CMS MAX and Alpha-MAX research files to estimate IHP impact on care coordination, quality, and utilization while we used Medicaid data from the Minnesota All Payer Claims Database to estimate impact on spending.