

# **Nevada State Innovation Model (SIM) Grant Frequently Asked Questions**



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## Medicaid State Innovation Model (SIM) Grant

### Frequently Asked Questions

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#### 1. What is the objective of the State Innovation Model (SIM) Grant?

The objective under this grant is to design a pathway for transforming the healthcare delivery and payment system in Nevada. To accomplish this objective, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) awarded the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP) a \$2M State Innovation Model (SIM) Design grant. The grant provides financing and technical assistance from CMS to DHHS to develop a State Health System Innovation Plan (SHSIP). The SHSIP will provide a roadmap for Nevadans to:

- Gain greater access to care
- Gain improved health status
- Reform healthcare delivery and payment systems
- Contain healthcare costs while increasing healthcare value

Reforming the healthcare delivery and payment system requires new payment strategies, such as Value-Based Purchasing, which recognizes high quality health care as evidenced by certain performance measures.

In subsequent years the SHSIP may be considered by CMS for additional funding to implement and test the model(s) outlined in the plan.

#### 2. What does the SIM Grant mean to me?

You may currently serve multiple roles in health care delivery. You may be a **consumer** of health care or **consumer advocate**, a **health care provider**, or member of the **health care workforce**, a **Payer** reimbursing the cost of health services, a member of an **industry association**, or a **public health official** or **policymaker** for health care services. Your roles in any these facets of health care delivery also make you a **stakeholder** in the development of a Nevada SHSIP. A successful SHSIP will require broad stakeholder input and engagement during the spring and early summer months of 2015. You are strongly encouraged to provide recommendations for health care reform through a variety of ways, including attendance at stakeholder focus groups, completing an [Online Survey](#), and participating in workgroups and community meetings. Visit the [DHCFP web site](#) for up to date information on stakeholder engagement opportunities. We are seeking your input to identify short-term and long-term strategies for health care delivery and payment reform that are consistent with the Governor's

seven health objectives, evidence-based, focused on Nevada's needs, and provide clear definition of success.

### **3. What is the timeline of the SIM Grant?**

The grant period began on February 1, 2015 and runs for twelve (12) months. The primary goals in the first three months of the grant period are to conduct stakeholder sessions, formulate work groups, collect and review survey responses, and conduct community meetings. The primary goal in the second three months of the grant period is to facilitate workgroup meetings. During the remainder of the grant period DHCFP will continue to engage stakeholders and workgroups to assess stakeholder readiness to implement the recommended models, and finalize the design plan for submission to CMS.

### **4. What opportunities are available for me to provide input or participate in meetings?**

There are several ways stakeholders can share their vision for health care delivery and payment system reforms, including completing an [Online Survey](#), attending community meetings, stakeholder update meetings, online presentations, participating in workgroups and taskforces, or by submitting recommendations by email to [NVSIM@mslc.com](mailto:NVSIM@mslc.com). All stakeholders are encouraged to complete the [Online Survey](#). In addition, the [DHCFP web site](#) publishes information on SIM Grant activities, such as dates, times, and locations of stakeholder meetings and webinars, summaries of stakeholder meetings, and links to the [Online Survey](#) and email address. Visit the [DHCFP web site](#) regularly for updates on SIM Grant meetings and activities.

### **5. What will my responsibilities be if I am appointed to a workgroup or taskforce?**

While critical, the participant role in the workgroup and taskforce forums is advisory in nature. The members will be appointed by DHCFP. The workgroup and taskforce members will recommend feasible multi-payer health care payment and service delivery models for potential inclusion in the SHSIP. Each of the forums will have defined goals, activities, and deliverables. We have developed a Project Charter for each of these forums.

These Project Charters serve several purposes:

- Identifies the goals and activities of the stakeholder focus group
- Establishes the roles, responsibilities, and expectations of the participants who are participating on behalf of and with the executive support of their organization
- Upon signoff, provides authorization of the participant to participate in focus group
- Serves as the point of reference for documentation and work product of the focus group
- Establishes agreement of the deliverables between DHCFP and the focus group members

## **6. What workgroups and taskforces will be formed and what are their responsibilities?**

The DHCFP intends to formulate two taskforces and four workgroups. Two overarching areas will be important to all workgroups. These areas include: Health Information Technology and Data; and Policy and Regulations. The scope of responsibilities of the taskforces and workgroups may evolve as the project progresses. However, the ultimate goals are to provide input that will be utilized by DHCFP Leadership to formulate the SHSIP that will be presented to CMS for consideration of funding to test the model(s).

The (1) Health Information Technology and Data and (2) Policy and Regulations taskforces have a strategic role and will be convened to address needs related to the SIM project.

The DHCFP intends to formulate the following workgroups: (1) Provider, (2) Delivery System and Payment Alignment, (3) Clinical Outcomes and Quality, and (4) Patient-focused. These workgroups will shape the primary and secondary drivers that are needed to transform the Nevada healthcare delivery system.

For more information on the taskforces and workgroups, see the External Stakeholder Meeting slides on the [DHCFP web site](#).

## **7. I am not able to attend the stakeholder sessions or community meetings in person. Will I be able to view live webinar broadcasts of these meetings?**

Instructions for connectivity will be provided on the [DHCFP web site](#) when Stakeholder events and community meetings can be viewed from a remote location.

## **8. I am not able to attend the stakeholder sessions in person or remotely view the live broadcast of the event. Will the information discussed in stakeholder meetings be made available?**

The [DHCFP web site](#) will be updated regularly to include presentation materials and recordings, minutes to meetings, and other information. Please check the [DHCFP web site](#) regularly to stay abreast of the progress of the SIM Grant project.

## **9. If I have questions about the SIM Grant, who should I contact?**

If you have questions or concerns about the SIM Grant, please send an email to [NVSIM@mslc.com](mailto:NVSIM@mslc.com). Your input in this project is appreciated.

## **10. How do I volunteer for a taskforce or workgroup?**

Please complete an [Online Survey](#) or download an Innovative Care Comments Form from the [DHCFP web site](#). Or you can send an email to [NVSIM@mslc.com](mailto:NVSIM@mslc.com) to share your ideas and/or express interest to participate in a workgroup.

**11. I want to make recommendations for health care reform. How do I submit my ideas?**

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