

HOW REIMAGINED MEDICAID CAN BETTER SUPPORT COMMUNITIES, ADVANCE EQUITY, AND IMPROVE HEALTH

Building a Coalition for Community Driven Investments

1.



Hospitals Can Finance New Community Investments by Leveraging Medicaid Reimbursements and the Hospital Tax

Hospitals and health systems have an opportunity to finance significant investments in communities through a reimagined Medicaid reimbursement system. By changing how Medicaid reimburses hospitals, and leveraging the taxes hospitals pay to the state to generate federal matching dollars, a portion of the increased Medicaid payments can be directed to local communities to invest in programs that improve the health of people for generations to come.

2.

Codesign Investments



Hospitals and Health Systems



Cross-sector Community Collaboratives

Hospitals are seeking regional partnerships to codesign ways to best use these additional Medicaid funds to create community directed investments that reward outcomes. These investments and collaborations can build upon and scale ongoing work by hospitals and community partners to improve health and equity by ensuring access to sustainable long-term financing and committing significant new investment funds to community programs that make the greatest impact on root-cause, upstream drivers of health.

3.

Investments Must Go Beyond Sick Care, and Address Social Drivers of Health to Address Equity



Housing



Nutrition



Economic
Mobility



Transportation



Environment



Neighborhood
Safety

4.

More Than Improving Care, Investments Aim to Improve the Health of Entire Communities and Drive Down Healthcare Expenses in the Long-Term



HEALTHIER
People



BETTER
Healthcare
Outcomes



Health
EQUITY

Investments will be measured on their outcomes in supporting healthier communities. Making a difference in people's overall health reduces the need for more acute medical care in the future, driving down healthcare expenses over the long term. This can lead to savings that can be reinvested back into the healthcare system and local communities to continue a new cycle of improving health, reducing costs, and increasing access to healthcare.