

Physician-Focused Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC): Proposed Plan for Release of RFP and Review of Proposals

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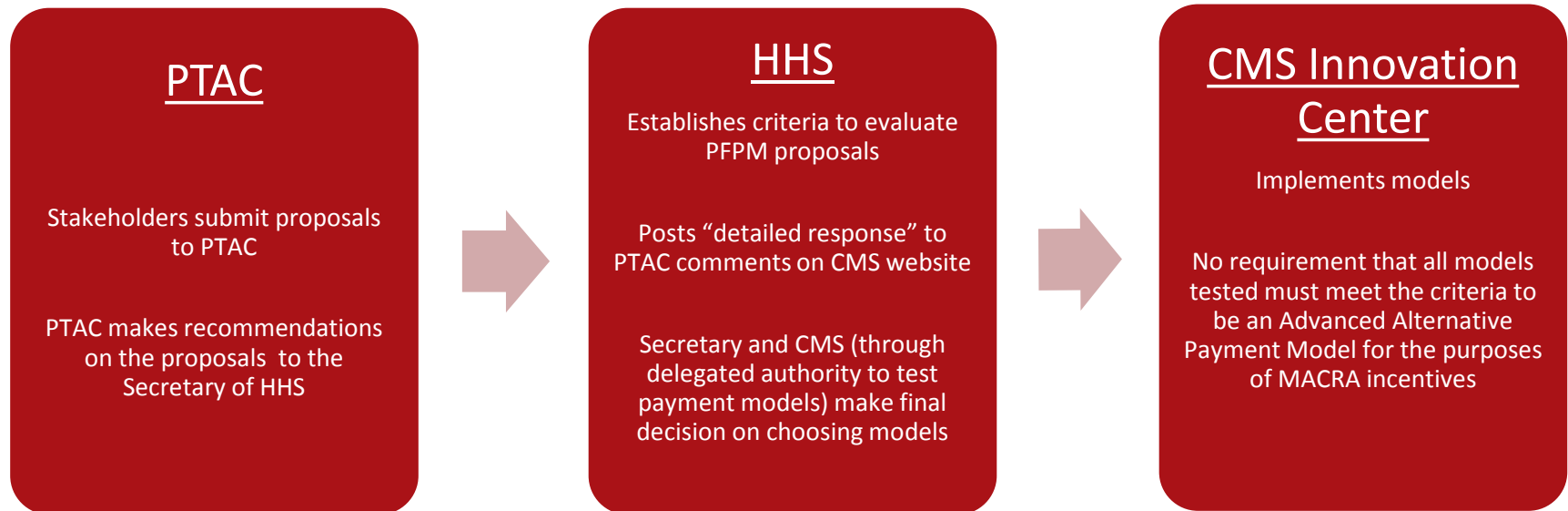
Physician Focused Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)

PTAC was created by the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015 (MACRA) to make recommendations to the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) on proposals for Physician-Focused Payment Models (PFPMs) submitted by individuals and stakeholder entities.

The Secretary of HHS is required by MACRA to establish criteria for PFPMs and to respond to PTAC recommendations. Regulations establishing the criteria are required to be finalized by HHS by November 1, 2016. PTAC intends to evaluate the extent to which proposed models meet the Secretary's criteria and to make recommendations with respect to refinement, further study, testing, and / or implementation of the proposed PFPMs.

Source: PTAC website (<https://aspe.hhs.gov/ptac-physician-focused-payment-model-technical-advisory-committee>)

+ Process, Roles and Responsibilities



+ PTAC Documents Open for Public Comment

Proposal Review Process

- Describes the process PTAC is considering to solicit and review proposals
- Initial draft released April 20, 2016
- Version 6.0 released in August 2016; **comments due by October 10, 2016**
- The document can be downloaded here:
<https://aspe.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/pdf/206726/PTACProposalReviewProcess.pdf>

Proposed Information Requirements

- Describes the criteria PTAC will use to evaluate proposals
- Document released September 6, 2016; **comments due by October 10, 2016**
- The document can be downloaded here:
<https://aspe.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/pdf/207081/ProposalRequirements.pdf>

PTAC has indicated that they soon will release for comments a draft Request for Proposals (RFP).

+ PTAC Proposed Timeline

- + At a public meeting on September 16, 2016, PTAC released the following proposed timeline
- + PTAC's goal is to have some PFPMs approved in the Spring of 2017 and implemented in 2018

Date	Description
9/15 – 10/10/2016	Comments accepted on draft proposed review process and proposed information requirements
Date TBD	Comment period on draft RFP
11/1/2016	Release of final HHS criteria for PFPMs
Date TBD	Release of RFP soliciting proposals for PFPMs
12/1/2016	PTAC begins accepting PFPM proposals
Spring 2017	Recommendations made by PTAC on initial PFPM proposals
HHS and CMS Decisions and Actions	
2018	Physicians paid under initial PFPMs

+ Proposal Review Process - Open for Public Comment

Posted 8/2016; Comments Due October 10, 2016

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Phase I: Proposal Preparation and Submission

- Submission of letter of intent by interested parties
- Release of RFP by PTAC
- Proposal submission
- Review of proposals for completeness and adherence to RFP requirements
- Identification of and remedies for PTAC member conflicts of interest

Phase II: Preliminary Review

- Formation of preliminary review team
- PTAC may obtain outside expertise to assist in the review of the proposal
- PTAC will solicit public comment on proposals
- Report of the preliminary review team to full PTAC after the close of public comments

Phase III: Full Committee Review

- Proposal deliberation and decisions on recommendations will occur during a public meeting
- PTAC may decide that additional information is needed before a recommendation can be submitted
- PTAC submits comments and recommendations to the Secretary and will make them available to the public

Based on information provided in PTAC draft Proposal Review Process document (8/2016) - <https://aspe.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/pdf/206726/PTACProposalReviewProcess.pdf>

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Proposed Criteria

PTAC shall deliver to the Secretary of HHS comments and recommendations as to whether the proposed model should be:

- Refined
- Further studied
- Tested
- Implemented

1 – Scop of Proposed Payment Model

√ High Priority

2 – Promoting Quality and Value

√ High Priority

3 – Flexibility for Practitioners

4 – Payment Methodology

√ High Priority

5 - Evaluation Goals
(quality, cost etc.)

6 - Integration and Care Coordination

7 – Patient Choice

8 – Patient Safety

9 – Health Information Technology

+ Helpful Links

- + PTAC website
 - <https://aspe.hhs.gov/meetings-physician-focused-payment-model-technical-advisory-committee>

- + Proposal Review Process – open for public comment until 10/10/2016
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- + Proposed Information Requirements – open for public comment until 10/10/2016
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- + Publically available data sources that could be used in the development of PFPM proposals
 - <https://aspe.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/pdf/207891/publicData.pdf>

- + McDermottPlus MACRA Resource Center
 - http://www.mcdermottplus.com/uploads/1334/doc/MACRA_Resource_Center.pdf

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