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The innovation centers is focused on three major goals

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Innovation Center (CMMI) develops and tests new healthcare payment and service delivery models to improve patient care, lower costs, and better align payment systems to promote patient-centered practices.

Figure 1. CMS Innovation Center Vision and 5 Strategic Objectives for Advancing System Transformation.

https://innovation.cms.gov/strategic-direction-whitepaper

After 10 years, there are multiple lessons learned around the transition to value

Ensure health equity is embedded in every model.	**Streamline the model portfolio and reduce complexity and overlap to help scale what works.**	**Tools to support transformation in care delivery can assist providers in assuming financial risk.**
Complexity of financial benchmarks have undermined model effectiveness.	**Models should encourage lasting care delivery transformation.**	**Design of models may not consistently ensure broad provider participation.**

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Statute specifies the Innovation Center evaluate quality of care and changes in spending in each model

It is scalable?

- Can the model be scaled to more providers and more patients?
- What infrastructure (tools, data, etc), would be needed to enable it to scale?

Is it generalizable?

- Will the model have the same results if expanded to other communities?
- What are the aspects of the model that may make it unique to specific communities?

Does it improve quality and lower cost?

- What were the interventions within the model that led to improved quality and lower costs?
- How did those interventions vary across providers or specific sub-populations?

There are multiple tools in the toolbelt to create the incentives to lower cost, improve quality and improve alignment

	Funding	Capitation	Risk	Flexibilities
The Accountable Health Communities (AHC) Model	✕			✕
Community Health Access and Rural Transformation (CHART) Model	✕	✕	✕	✕
Direct Contracting Model		✕	✕	✕

These tools can be either combined to create a new model or implement on top of an existing model

NEW MODEL	EXISTING MODELS
Building a new model requires implementing all model design elements	**Building on existing models enables testing of smaller components on an existing chassis**
Benchmarking	Benefit Waivers
Attribution	Funding
Risk Adjustment	Benefit Enhancement
Evaluation	Payment Flexibilities