

Leadership Announcement from the CMS Administrator

After serving for almost three years as the Director of the Innovation Center (CMMI), Rick Gilfillan has decided to leave CMS and move on to new opportunities at the end of June. Under Rick's leadership the Innovation Center has worked closely with the CMS leadership group, colleagues across the agency, and HHS to develop a set of innovative models intended to improve outcomes for patients and reduce costs to the healthcare system. These initiatives include the Pioneer and Advance Payment ACOs, Partnership for Patients, Independence at Home, the Comprehensive and Multipayer Advanced Primary Care models, Bundled Payments for Care Improvement, the State Innovations Model, and Health Care Innovation Awards. During this time, CMMI has grown from a start-up center to an organization of over 230 people, and we believe that these new care models will make a difference in patients' lives and improve the efficiency of our health system. I want to take this opportunity to thank Rick and the CMMI team for the hard work and commitment that led to these accomplishments.

I have asked Patrick Conway to assume responsibility as the Acting Director of the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation. Patrick will continue to serve as the CMS Chief Medical Officer and Director of the Center for Clinical Standards and Quality (CCSQ) along with Wes Perich who will continue in his role as the CCSQ Deputy. Over the next month, Rick and Patrick will work closely together with the CMMI Deputy Directors - Sean Cavanaugh and Tim Love – to ensure a smooth transition.

I have confidence that each of you will continue to support the important work of the Innovation Center as we continue to move forward on launching, testing, evaluating, and scaling successful service delivery and payment models that improve outcomes for patients and reduced expenditures for the Medicare, Medicaid and CHIP Programs.

Again, join me in wishing Rick the best of luck in his new endeavors.

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