The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is pleased to announce the availability of new guidance today related to health homes, authorized by section 2703 of the Affordable Care Act. Health homes provide an opportunity to build a person-centered care delivery model that focuses on improving outcomes and disease management for beneficiaries with chronic conditions and obtaining better value for state Medicaid programs.

This State Medicaid Director letter shares a recommended core set of health care quality measures for assessing the health home service delivery model that CMS intends to promulgate in the rulemaking process. While CMS is not requiring states to use these measures until the regulations are promulgated, we are sharing the core set to help states as they consider the design and implementation of their health home programs, as well as provide time for states to share information with their health care providers.

The State Medicaid Director letter is available online at http://www.medicaid.gov/Federal-Policy-Guidance/Federal-Policy-Guidance.html