

AHEAD Steering Committee Meeting

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Agenda

2:00 – 2:05pm	Welcome and Introductions
2:05 – 2:15pm	Update on AHEAD Grant
2:15 – 2:40pm	Overview of Hospital Global Budgets Presenter: Charlie Mills, Milliman
2:40 – 2:45pm	Feedback on Hospital Global Budget Learning Session
2:45 – 2:50pm	Working Group Updates
2:50 – 3:00pm	Milestones and Timeline



UPDATE ON AHEAD GRANT



AHEAD Medicare Fee-for-Service (FFS) Hospital Global Budget (HGB) Methodology Overview Version 3.0 Webinar

On **Tuesday, April 8, from 2:00 - 3:00pm ET**, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will host a webinar to review the AHEAD Model CMS-designed Medicare Fee-for-Service (FFS) hospital global budget (HGB) methodology, specifically enhancements reflected in the forthcoming Version 3.0 HGB Financial Specifications. During the webinar, the AHEAD Model Team will review:

- The AHEAD Model CMS-designed Medicare FFS HGB and key concepts
- Enhancements to the AHEAD HGB Financial Specifications from Version 2.0 to 3.0
- The case for hospital participation in HGBs along with other operational considerations
- How CMS will calculate the HGB payment amount for hospitals

The webinar will be followed by audience Q&A. Ahead of the webinar, **please submit questions** about the AHEAD Model CMS-designed Medicare FFS HGB methodology to the AHEAD Model Team (AHEAD@cms.hhs.gov).

The Version 3.0 HGB Financial Specifications will be posted on the AHEAD Model website in April, and listserv members will be notified when they are available.

Event Details:

- Webinar Date and Time: Tuesday, April 8, 2025, 2:00 – 3:00pm ET
- Registration: To register for the webinar, please [visit this link](#). We encourage you to register ahead of the webinar.

Best Regards,

The AHEAD Model Team



FEEDBACK ON HOSPITAL GLOBAL BUDGET LEARNING SESSION



Update on Working Groups

Hospital Global Budget Working Group

- Healthcare Association of Hawai'i (HAH) asked for a representative from each facility to participate
- Convened Learning Session with Milliman on March 20th
- Brainstorming Session scheduled for Wednesday, April 16th at 8am
- Working with HAH to schedule monthly meetings

Primary Care Working Groups

- Hawai'i AHEAD will reach out to the Hawai'i Primary Care Association (HPCA) regarding meeting with the FQHC payment transformation committee
- Hawai'i AHEAD will send invitations to individuals to join the Non-FQHC Primary Care Working Group in April and will meet in June

MILESTONES AND TIMELINE



CY Q2 2025

- Milliman continues stakeholder engagement sessions on HGB and primary care
- Milliman drafts initial proforma model for stakeholders to review
- Hawai'i AHEAD submits memos to CMMI briefly describing the regulatory paths for HGB and primary care to CMMI (6/30/25)
- Obtain letters of interest from hospitals (June 30, 2025)

CY Q3 2025

- Milliman and CHCS facilitate in-person working sessions with AHEAD staff and stakeholders with the goal of developing draft HGB and PC methodologies and statewide quality and population health targets in July
- Hawai'i AHEAD continues stakeholder engagement, refining model/methodologies, and recruiting providers
- MQD executes contract for additional support for PC for all lines of business (Medicaid, Medicare, Commercial, etc.)

CY Q4 2025

- Hawai'i AHEAD continues stakeholder engagement, refining model/methodologies, and recruiting providers
- Hawai'i AHEAD submits draft HGB and PC methodologies to CMMI (12/31/25)

CY Q1 2026

- Hawai`i AHEAD continues stakeholder engagement, recruiting providers, and preparing for implementation
- SHPDA executes contract(s) for TCOC support
- SHPDA executes contract(s) for support for recruitment and implementation for PC

CY Q2 2026

- Hawai`i AHEAD signs cooperative agreement with CMMI that creates framework for partnership and memorializes Hawaii's model including targets and TCOC methodology (no later than 06/30/26)

CY Q3-4 2026

- Hawai`i AHEAD continues stakeholder engagement, recruiting providers, and preparing for implementation
- Hawai`i AHEAD submits provider participant lists to Medicaid and Medicare

CY Q1 2027

- Performance Year 1 starts on 01/01/27

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Mahalo!