

## CMS REQUIRED PCMH+ PROGRAM DESIGN CHANGES

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The State of Connecticut Department of Social Services has been working with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to obtain approval for the PCMH+ Program Design. As part of the discussions prior to state plan amendment submission, CMS has required the State make four changes to the PCMH+ Program Design. This document provides an overview of the PCMH+ Program Design changes. However, it is not necessarily inclusive of all CMS-required changes as CMS provides further review of the program design.

PCMH+ Program Design Element	Original Design	New Design
Minimum Savings Rate (MSR)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The shared savings calculation did not include a MSR.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The shared savings calculation will now include a MSR of 2%, which will be applied to a Participating Entity's expected performance year costs.</li> <li>A Participating Entity's savings or losses less than 2% will not be included in calculating whether shared savings will be paid to a Participating Entity.</li> <li>First-dollar savings will be available for sharing provided that a Participating Entity's risk-adjusted savings are greater than or equal to 2%.</li> </ul>
Care Coordination Add-on Payments for Participating Entities that are federally qualified health centers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Care Coordination Add-on Payments were not included in the shared savings calculation as performance year costs.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Care Coordination Add-on Payments will be included in the Individual Savings Pool as performance year costs.</li> </ul>
Challenge Pool Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Challenge Pool was funded by all unclaimed savings from the Individual Savings Pool.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Challenge Pool will still be funded by all unclaimed savings. However, any aggregate increases in overall Medicaid expenditures beyond the baseline will be removed from the pool of potential funds available for distribution from the Challenge Pool.</li> </ul>
Challenge Pool Participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All Participating Entities were eligible for participation in the Challenge Pool.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Each Participating Entity must maintain or improve quality for the nine Individual Pool quality metrics in total in order to qualify for the Challenge Pool.</li> </ul>