



The Value-Based Care Tool – Prioritizing Capacities and Planning for Action

Dear Rural Health Care Organization Leader:

In today's health care environment, value-based care and payment continue to gain momentum and traction because value-based care improves clinical quality, satisfies patients and families, advances community health, and lowers per capita costs. Payors such as Medicare, Medicaid, and commercial insurers are increasingly utilizing value-based payment methods, such as shared savings and bundled payments, in their contracting with health care organizations. As a result, it is essential for health care organizations (HCOs) to develop and deploy new organizational capacities to deliver value-based care (VBC).

The web-based Value-Based Care Strategic Planning Tool (VBC Tool) is designed for you as a rural health care leader to assess your organization's capacities or capabilities (e.g., resources, processes, infrastructure) to deliver value-based care. Since the launch of the VBC Tool in 2016, rural HCOs across the country have used the tool as part of their strategic planning process and have used the results to support strategic planning and prioritize action plans that are responsive to a changing health care payment and delivery environment.

We offer a few tips on to help you make the most of the tool:

- Our experience to date suggests that you complete the Strategic Planning Tool with your senior leadership team to complement your strategic planning process.
- The VBC Tool includes a total of (80) questions in eight domains and takes approximately two hours to complete.
- We make a .pdf version available for you to download and use with your team, and an on-line version for you to record your organization's responses.
- After you complete the online VBC Tool, you will receive a Value-Based Care Readiness Report that you can use to develop your value-based care action plans.

Please note that the responses you submit in the on-line tool are considered confidential and are not shared in an identifiable way outside of the Rural Health Value Team.

Thank you for your interest in value-based care,

The Rural Health Value Team

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