

work can have direct and important policy implications. Findings from the evaluation of CMMI initiatives could both influence and be influenced by the upcoming election in 2016.

I will always value the experience I had working for CMS. I came to appreciate the fast moving pace, and the significant personal and professional dedication of the CMS staff to the triple aim of improving of healthcare quality and access while decreasing costs (Berwick, Nolan, and Whittington 2008). I remain hopeful that the CPC and other models being tested in CMMI can achieve their intended results. I became much more informed about how healthcare redesign efforts made possible as a result of the ACA could have benefits for many patients, including those with behavioral health conditions, and look forward to remaining engaged in this process as it unfolds over time. ■

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