

Itemized Budget for Health Care Expenditure Waste Calculator

The funding would be used to:

- Add the Health Waste Calculator to our system
- Produce public-facing reports
- Engage stakeholders in developing appropriate private and public interventions
- Measure the impact of the interventions on the cost of care

Add the Health Waste Calculator to our system

Under our current contract with Milliman MedInsight, the Milliman Health Waste Calculator is available as an optional service. The following information provided by Milliman MedInsight describes the value of this tool:

Improving the efficiency of healthcare is an ongoing challenge that must be tackled in order to get costs under control. Helping healthcare payers identify and quantify wasteful spending can have a significant impact on healthcare efficiency. As a result, MedInsight has teamed with VBID Health to create an analytical tool to quantify and report on these potentially unnecessary services. The results in the MedInsight Health Waste Calculator.

The MedInsight Health Waste Calculator is a standalone software tool designed to help healthcare organizations leverage value-based principles by identifying wasteful services as defined by national initiatives such as Choosing Wisely and the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force. The tool can add significant value to existing cost and quality reporting capabilities, specifically those efforts designed for efficiency and effectiveness measurement.

The tool would identify and flag potentially inefficient services provided to Utah's residents as well as adding a "degree of appropriateness" for the care provided – Necessary, likely to be wasteful, or wasteful.

Produce Public-facing Reports

The corresponding data provided by the tool would be used to create publicly available and actionable information and reports on waste in Utah's healthcare system. OHCS would work with the Utah Health Data Committee (and its Transparency Advisory Group) to refine the structure and content of the public-facing reports to ensure that they are actionable and usable by policymakers and healthcare organizations.

Engage stakeholders in developing appropriate private and public interventions

As we know, data informs action. By uncovering unknown waste in Utah's healthcare system, we will create opportunities to identify multi-stakeholder (payer, provider, patient) interventions that reduce wasteful care. Through our work with the Transparency Advisory Group and in previous efforts led by Comagine Health, we are confident that many public and private organizations are ready to join in this effort, including the Utah Medical Association, Utah Hospital Association, Comagine Health, and patient advocacy groups.

Measure the Impact of the interventions on the cost of care

The funding also would be sufficient to create and operationalize tracking and monitoring of the impact of the interventions on the cost of care.

- No operational changes will be needed because the feature is an off-the-shelf solution that can be immediately incorporated into existing workflows and processes.
- No legislation is needed.