

Charter for the Health Advisory Council for Transformation (hACT)

The MITRE Corporation is a not-for-profit systems engineering and advanced technology organization that works in the public interest on issues of critical national importance. One of these issues is the transformation of health care for our nation.

MITRE's Center for Transforming Health focuses on improving public access to affordable, high-quality health care through technology-based transformation. We advise federal agencies through all phases of the evolution of their health technology, from high-level strategic planning to program acquisition and oversight.

MITRE's Health Advisory Council for Transformation

In keeping with our core values of technical excellence, teamwork, collaboration, and public service, MITRE has invited select, not-for-profit academic, University Academic Research Center (UARC), National Laboratory, and Federally Funded Research and Development Center (FFRDC) organizations to participate in hACT. This Council supports the missions of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to transform the nation's health care system, and will address the most complex and pressing issues facing the government in these endeavors. The Council will bring together non-profit stakeholders in the health sector to work together transparently, collaboratively, and cooperatively on the continual improvement of health and health care for all Americans. The member organizations will contribute domain expertise in such areas as health care economics, health care financing, health care policy, health data analytics and trending, comparative effectiveness, and coordinated care and clinical education.

hACT Goals

By leveraging the diverse skills, broad perspectives, and relevant experience of its member organizations, the hACT will provide a vital resource to help CMS and DHHS achieve their mission success and accomplish transformation in our health care system.

hACT Objectives

Acting as a diverse, objective, and collaborative entity, hACT will maintain a cooperative environment to support effective advice and assistance to CMS and DHHS.

hACT will focus its collaborative efforts on CMS and DHHS mission objectives and the development of innovations to help achieve the goal of effective, high-quality health care for our citizens.

hACT will operate under the following principles to ensure a consistent, goal-based focus:

- Transparency among member organizations around Council topics and participation
- Active participation and contribution
- Broad basis of perspective
- Commitment to identify integration and leverage opportunities for CMS/DHHS
- Commercial vendor neutrality
- Strict avoidance of conflict of interest or any appearance of conflict of interest

Desired Outcome

Through the synergy of the hACT member organizations and their collaboration in solving critical challenges in the CMS/DHHS mission space, CMS and DHHS will successfully transform the nation's health care system through improved value, better access, improved prevention and treatment, greater cost control, and preparedness.

Membership

Membership in hACT is by invitation of The MITRE Corporation. All member organizations shall be non-profit and capable of self-funding their participation in all hACT activities and support.