

Rhode Island Strategies to **Improve Oversight, Accountability, & Transparency**

Health Care Spending Oversight

Health care spending oversight entities monitor and track health care spending systematically, offering data and research support to ensure efficient resource use. While many states set population health priorities, some have established oversight entities with enforcement powers. Strategies tracked include:

- Health Care Spending Benchmarks
- Authority to Enforce Health Care Spending Benchmarks
- Hospital or Primary Care Spending Oversight Entities

Prescription Drug Affordability Boards

Some states have established independent entities charged with reviewing high-cost prescription drugs and recommending strategies to improve affordability. In certain cases, these boards are authorized to set upper payment limits to curb excessive drug prices. Strategies examined in this section include:

- Prescription Drug Affordability Board Established
- Prescription Drug Upper Payment Limits Established

All-Payer Claims Databases

All-payer claims databases (APCDs) compile diverse health care data that may include health, dental, and pharmacy claims from private insurers, state employee health programs, Medicare, and Medicaid. In instances where a database includes only some of these payers, it is referred to as a multi-payer claims database. Typically created through legislation, APCDs are often subject to state oversight and regulation. However, some claims databases have been voluntarily developed by independent entities, limiting oversight. Strategies examined in this section include:

- All-Payer Claims Database Established
- All-Payer Claims Database Operated by the State

Price Transparency

This section evaluates state efforts to provide access to health care price data through a publicly available and easily accessible tool. Strategies examined in this section include:

- Price Transparency Tool Established
- Prescription Drug Price Transparency Tool Established



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All-Payer Claims Database

Policy	Status as of June 2025	Summary
Established an All-Payer Claims Database (APCD)	 State has a(n) all-payer or multi-payer claims database	
All-Payer Claims Database (APCD) Operated by the State	 APCD is operated by the state	

Prescription Drug Affordability Board

Policy	Status as of June 2025	Summary
Established Prescription Drug Affordability Board (PDAB)	 The state has not established or passed legislation to establish a prescription drug affordability board	
Prescription Drug Upper Payment Limits	 The state has not established Upper Payment Limits for prescription drugs	



State Has Active Policy or Program



Policy or Program Partially Implemented



State Does Not Have an Active Policy or Program



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Price Transparency

Policy	Status as of June 2025	Summary
Service Cost Price Transparency Tool	 State does not have a public-facing price transparency tool	
Prescription Drug Price Reporting Requirement	 Organizations are not required to report prescription drug price information to a state entity	

Health Care Spending Oversight

Policy	Status as of June 2025	Summary
Health Care Spending Benchmark	 State has established a health care spending benchmark for providers, insurance carriers, or both	Rhode Island incorporates a global health spending cap linked to economic growth as part of the state's Health Insurance Premium Regulation Program. The program includes inflation caps and other mandates. The benchmark was set at 3.2% for 2019-2022, 5.1% for 2024, and 2.6% for 2025. Data is reported and compared to benchmark at the state level, insurer market level including Medicare, Medicaid, and commercial, individual payers, and Accountable Care Organizations. The state also has a primary care spending target.
Authority to Enforce Health Care Spending Benchmark	 State does not have an enforcement mechanism for their health care spending benchmark(s)	The Office of Health Insurance Commissioner will publicly report on performance against the target at a statewide level, with several "drill-down" analyses, but does not stipulate what action should be taken if benchmark is exceeded.
Hospital or Primary Care Spending Oversight Entity	 State monitors and reports hospital spending, primary care spending, or both	Rhode Island's Health Spending Accountability and Transparency Program, established in 2022, monitors hospital spending. Rhode Island's Office of the Health Insurance Commissioner's (OHIC) assesses primary care spending among commercial insurers relative to the state's Affordability Standards, which direct insurers to spend at least 10.7% of their annual medical expenses on primary care.



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