

VALUE-BASED CARE

Value-based care (VBC) is transforming health care by focusing on what truly matters — better health outcomes for patients. Instead of rewarding volume, as in traditional fee-for-service (FFS) models that emphasize seeing more patients and performing more procedures, VBC encourages clinicians to prioritize prevention, manage chronic conditions effectively and keep patients healthy. This proactive approach benefits everyone: patients experience improved health and a more personalized care journey, while health care organizations reduce costs and enhance overall quality. By aligning payment structures with patient outcomes, VBC fosters innovation, empowers clinicians to deliver care that is both effective and sustainable, and creates a system where success is measured by wellness — not workload. Through measurable results and shared accountability, VBC offers a clear path toward a healthier, more equitable health care system — one that puts people first.

2026 VBC Programs	Aetna Better Health	Humana Healthy Horizons	Oklahoma Complete Health
Payment frequency	Quarterly and annual	Semi-annual and annual	Quarterly and annual
Settlement period	120 days	120 days	Quarterly YTD reconciliations paid 150 days after the end of each calendar quarter for the contract year
Opportunity for shared savings	Yes	Yes	Yes
Quality linked payments	Yes	Yes	Yes
Measurement period	Calendar year	Calendar year	Calendar year
Quality target	Quality linked tiered model with 50 th percentile minimum	50 th percentile of national Medicaid average	Quality linked tiered model with 50 th percentile minimum
Program area(s)	Primary care and behavioral health	Primary care, behavioral health, maternity	Primary care and behavioral health
Agreement required	Yes	Yes, for some PCP programs and behavioral health	No
Minimum membership requirement	Yes	Yes	Yes, only for agreement-based program
Downside risk	No	No	No
Interoperability	Yes, depending on EHR system	Yes, depending on EHR system	Yes, depending on EHR system
VBC measures based on OHCA quality targets	Yes	Yes	Yes
Availability used for scorecards and gap closure	Yes	Yes	Gap closures (only)

For additional plan-specific questions, please contact each plan by email.

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