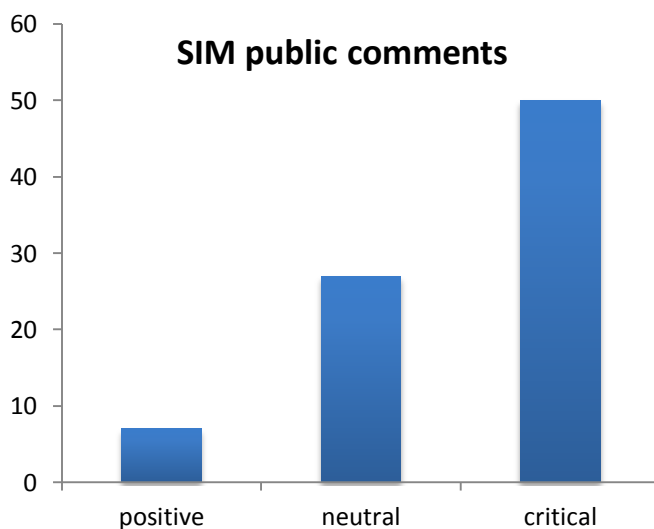


State Innovation Model public comments

Last month Connecticut's State Innovation Model (SIM) planning group solicited public comment for the first time. SIM is a plan, based on federal grant provisions, to radically transform Connecticut's health system – payment and care delivery. The federal grant requires the plan to cover at least 80% of state residents within five years. The grant was awarded in February; the plan is due at the end of this month. Advocates and others have raised concerns that the process was not public or inclusive and that the proposed payment model could harm consumers by reducing access to care, especially in the fragile Medicaid program, and incentivize providers to inappropriately deny care. Advocates have asked SIM to monitor for inappropriate under-treatment and remove those incentives.

SIM received a significant number of comments from a diverse group of stakeholders including consumers, advocates, providers, payers, businesses, foundations, academics, state agencies, and a hospital. Comments were more critical than positive.



There were several common themes, most shared broadly across stakeholder groups.

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