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# Successful Strategies for Thriving in the OCM Payment Model

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# Agenda

- **Introductions**
- **Panel Discussion**
- **Wrap-up**

# Archway Health Overview

## Archway Health



100% Focused on Bundled Payment – it's all we do

Founded in 2014 with offices in Boston and NYC

*Our team has been active in BPCI since its inception in 2011*



Backed by AthenaHealth & Coverys – large medical malpractice insurance company

Active in all of the CMS bundled payment programs – BPCI, CJR, OCM, EPM



- *Convener in the BPCI program*

- *Working with 18 OCM practices*



Built a comprehensive, one-stop shop bundled payment platform

Working with dozens of customers & hundreds of providers across the country



Real results – all of our BPCI partner hospitals & physicians are earning significant savings

Expanding beyond CMS into the commercial and self-insured employer markets

- **About our practice**
  - 20 Physicians
  - 8 Advanced Practitioners
  - 8 Sites
  - Med Onc, Rad Onc, Gyn Onc, Breast Surgery
  - Imaging, Cyberknife, Flow and a wide array of Support Services
  - OCM, Aetna and United APM programs in place
  - Come Home Practice
- **Reengineering our patient care process with a focus on:**
  - Value Based Care - Addressing the patient's overall well being
  - *Healing Lives - not just curing cancer*



## Hybrid Community / Academic Cancer Center

- Community Practice since 1979 / Began the strategic journey to achieve NCI designation in 2012 / Physician Owned in partnership with University of Tennessee and Methodist Le Bonheur Healthcare
- 50 full time dedicated cancer physicians ; 12 APPs /
  - 26 Med Oncologists
  - 4 Gyn Oncologists
  - 9 Radiation Oncologists
  - 5 Surgical Oncologists
  - 3 Fellowship Trained Breast Surgeons
  - 3 IR / Diagnostic radiologists
- 14 care locations / 650 FTEs
- 5000 analytic cancer cases reported in 2016
- Clinical Research: commercial / SWOG and AITs Phase 1-3
- Major disease state tumors boards as well as molecular tumor boards and multidisciplinary disease state clinics
- **Division of oncology support services:** Care Support, Navigation, Social Work, Oncological psychology, nutrition, genetics, rehabilitation
- **Education and Training:** GYN Oncology Fellowship / Medical Oncology Fellowship, Surgical Oncology Fellowship, Breast Surgery Fellowship and Radiation Oncology residency
- **Innovation:** United Healthcare, Cigna, Medicare OCM

# What challenges & opportunities are you facing in implementing bundled payment programs?

## Major Change in Oncology Practice Focus

- Focus on the full continuum of cancer care
  - Surgery, Radiation, Imaging
  - Survivorship
  - Palliative, Pain and Hospice
- Clear, concise, accessible and evidence based data
  - Connecting the data from EHR, PM, Pathway, and Care Management systems into meaningful information has proven to be challenging
  - Manual abstraction for OCM and overall analysis is incredibly time consuming
  - Cannot obtain Total Cost of Care from internal data
  - Figuring out how to link internal data
- Must focus on higher level of team member engagement and develop a highly reliable work force:
  - Culture - Retention, engagement, development, change management, and satisfaction

# What strategies have you used to redesign the patient care process?

Strategies	Details
<p>1. Implemented Clinical Pathway System</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Confirms the use of National Standards for majority of cases</li> <li>b) Produces Care Plans (important for OCM)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mandatory compliance with Care Plan 90% (monitored and reported; deviation requires approval). Includes evidence-based drug regimen, MD/APP &amp; RN educator visits, mandatory supportive care consults, palliative, nutrition, genetic and alternative medicine.</li> </ul> </li> <li>c) Assists with beneficiary attribution/enrollment (OCM, Aetna and United)</li> <li>d) Assists with Survivorship Planning</li> <li>e) Also used for Oral Chemo Teaching Support</li> </ul>
<p>2. Centralized all Intake into the Practice</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Phones</li> <li>b) New Patient Coordination</li> <li>c) Triage - Established Triage as a Business Unit</li> </ul>
<p>3. Implemented a Nurse Navigation Program</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Orientation to the new patient care process</li> <li>b) Focus on “Call us First”</li> <li>c) Advance Directives Discussion</li> <li>d) Support Services Education</li> <li>e) Obtain Past Medical History - ascertain pertinent risks that may need attention</li> </ul>

# What strategies have you used to redesign the patient care process? (continued)

Strategies	Details	
4. Established an internal Case Management Program	a) Risk Stratification b) Proactive Intervention c) Recognize trends - note: Care Management software linked to the EHR is essential	
5. Addition of new and highly skilled support personnel	a) Data analytics / decision support (3) b) Care / case management (3) c) Financial navigators (2) d) Hospital based medical oncologist (3) e) Palliative care MD (1) f) 24/7 nurse triage - practice supported algorithm - under rfp	
6. Established a Wide Array of Support Services	a) Psychotherapy b) Dietitians c) Genetic Counseling d) Complimentary Medicine <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Massage</li> <li>• Acupuncture</li> <li>• Functional Medicine</li> </ul>	e) Chaplaincy f) Social Services g) Prehab h) Palliative Care Clinic i) Pain Management Clinic



# What data are you utilizing and how are you analyzing it?

## Internal Data

- Oncology Service Detail located in the EHR, PM System, Pathway System, Care Management System
  - Once abstracted, can be analyzed to compare:
    - a) Changes in acuity for physicians or the practice overall
    - b) Provider comparison - internal best practice
    - c) Pathway variations
- Identify supportive systems to link internal databases

## Claims Data

- OCM practices and those in other APM models are receiving claims data which is essential for understanding the total cost of care
- Can include a large volume of line items even when the “n” is small
  - Time consuming to group, benchmark and create meaningful analysis
- Often requires actuarial support to assist in claims analysis
  - Have to be experienced in claims analysis which is not a standard skill set in a practice setting
- Is integral to determining areas of focus for your total cost of care management efforts

# What are your initial data findings?

Initial Findings	Action Steps Taken
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Need to focus and better understand service utilization<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ ED visits</li><li>○ acute care LOS</li><li>○ hospice LOS</li><li>○ chemo in the last 30 days of life</li><li>○ advanced imaging</li></ul></li><li>• Largest percentage of total costs incurring in the last 60-90 days of life</li><li>• Challenges with post-acute settings (SNFs, HHAs, IRF/LTACs) and how they impact total cost</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bi-weekly utilization review with Chief of Staff, Director of Oncology Support and Palliate Care lead</li><li>• Developing a referral support network for at home visits and phone / text checkups</li><li>• Patient assessments - sepsis</li></ul>

# What strategies have you learned from developing and implementing commercial bundled payment contracts?

Strategies	Key Points
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Work with payers to obtain achievable benchmarks based on historical claims data for the region and the practice</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Be cautious of diminishing returns and competing against yourself</li><li>• Actuarial support is essential</li><li>• Ensure the payer has agreed to send you timely data essential to managing risk<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Concurrent inpatient admission notification</li><li>○ Monthly claims data</li></ul></li><li>• Accurate and easily identifiable attribution process</li><li>• Method for patients on clinical research trials and new drugs</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Obtain relief from some of the current FFS administrative burdens</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Precertification</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Consider narrow delivery networks</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hospitals and post-acute (SNFs, HHAs, IRF/LTACs)</li><li>• Be cautious in narrowing physician networks</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Look for innovative opportunities to reduce overall costs</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Identify areas you can directly control<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Port Placements</li><li>○ Bone Marrow clinic</li></ul></li></ul>

# Wrap-up / Additional Questions & Answers