



Supporting Health System Transformation via Medicaid Accountable Care Organizations

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- ▶ Enhancing Access to Coverage and Services
- ▶ Improving Quality and Reducing Racial and Ethnic Disparities
- ▶ Integrating Care for People with Complex and Special Needs
- ▶ Building Medicaid Leadership and Capacity



Evolving Care Models In Medicaid

Medical Homes

- Manage and coordinate patient-centered primary care

Health Homes

- Link high-need patients and families to mental health, community resources

ACOs

- Align provider level incentives for improved care delivery and lower population total cost of care

Multiple Stakeholder Perspectives

- Patients
 - ▶ How to access care, manage health, and address related life challenges more easily?
- Practices
 - ▶ How to create and deploy care delivery innovations that will engage low-income patients and save money?
- Health Plans
 - ▶ How to empower and support practices while administering efficient, low-cost provider networks?

Stakeholder Perspectives, Cont'd

- States
 - ▶ How to foster plan/provider/community collaboration statewide to improve quality and reduce Medicaid expenditures?
- CMS
 - ▶ How can the federal government provide policy guidance and financial oversight, while promoting state innovation?

Bird's Eye View of Medicaid ACOs

- Medicaid beneficiaries require unique care management and coordination approaches to address unmet health needs
- A common set of core ACO capabilities must exist across all patient populations
- Payments should ultimately reward outcomes, but may need to support specific infrastructure and processes
- States are developing a variety of ACO models, tailored to their delivery systems and goals

Unique Challenges Ahead

- Medicaid must design ACO models that foster collaboration reaching beyond providers to the community and public health
- The “data issue” still needs to be solved
- Health plan roles will evolve to provide ACOs with key supports, including data, analytics, and project management
- ACOs must accommodate and invest in “low-capacity” practices

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