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Supporting Health System Transformation via Medicaid Accountable Care Organizations

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CHCS Mission

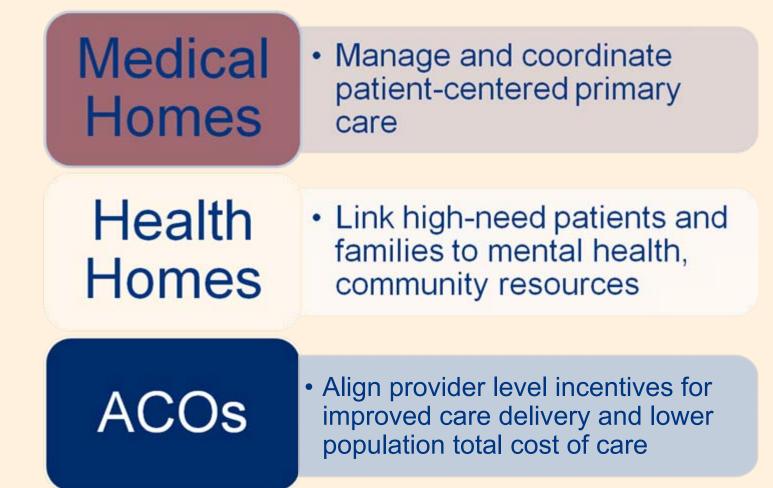
To improve health care quality for low-income children and adults, people with chronic illnesses and disabilities, frail elders, and racially and ethnically diverse populations experiencing disparities in care.

Our Priorities

- 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



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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 "lowcapacity" practices



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