

State Responses to High Cost Therapies: Using Research to Inform Policy

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OUTLINE

- State health policy context
- Description of general approaches
- Multi-state Collaborations
- Application of research to policy
- State response to HCV

STATE HEALTH POLICY CONTEXT

- Limited resources for health spending
 - Balanced budget requirements
 - Competing priorities
 - Education
 - Employee benefits
 - Corrections
 - Environment
- Advocates & industry pushing for more
- Anti-tax activists pushing for tighter limits

GENERAL APPROACHES USED BY STATES

- Laissez-faire FFS (non-accountable care)
- Loosely overseen managed care
- Self-managed care or carefully watched commercial managed care
- Benefit design and coverage decisions
 - Contract and politics
 - Using research to push value and inform decisions

USING RESEARCH TO INFORM POLICY AND DRIVE VALUE

- Multi-state collaborations
 - DERP and MED
- Variety of approaches for applying research
 - Washington HTA
 - Oregon HERC
 - NY
 - Strong Medicaid Medical Director

STATE RESPONSE TO HCV

POLICY CRITERIA		NUMBER OF STATES
No apparent restrictions on coverage		7
Once in a lifetime benefit?		6
Disease severity requirement?		22
	≥ F4	4
	≥ F3	15
	≥ F2	2
	Level unclear	1
Response driven therapy		9
Require providers to collect SVR 12 & SVR 24		3
SUD criteria		22
	≥ 3 months sober	3
	≥ 6 months sober	13
	≥ 12 months sober	2
	During treatment, or not specified	4
Specialist physician requirement	Prescribe	10
	Prescribe or consult	9
Could not identify policy online		15

COMING SOON TO A PROGRAM NEAR YOU

- Cross sector backlash to Pharma pricing (including generics)
- Increasing interest in social determinates of health
- More sophisticated and strategic view of budget effects
- Social Impact Bonding to bridge funding gap between applying social interventions and health returns

“ Oh you can't always get what you want, but if you try sometimes, you just might find, you get what you need. ”

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