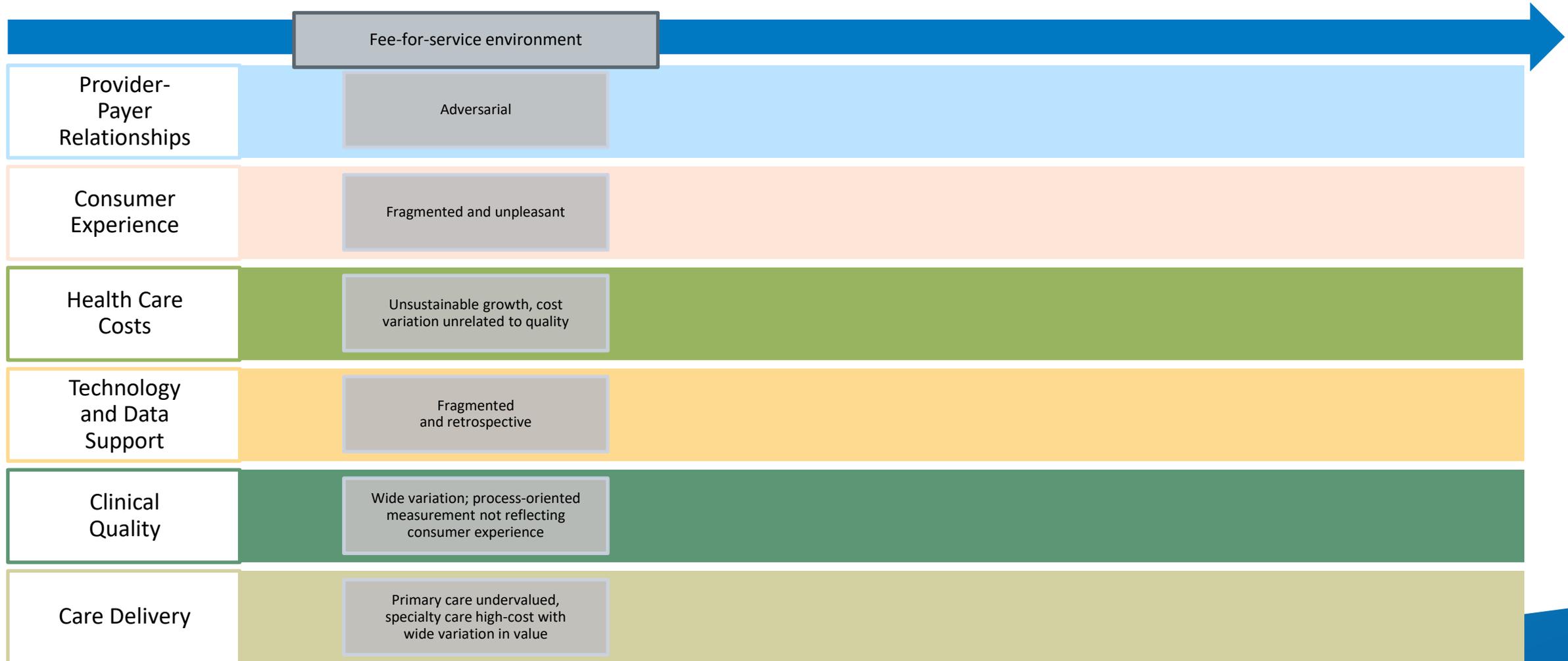


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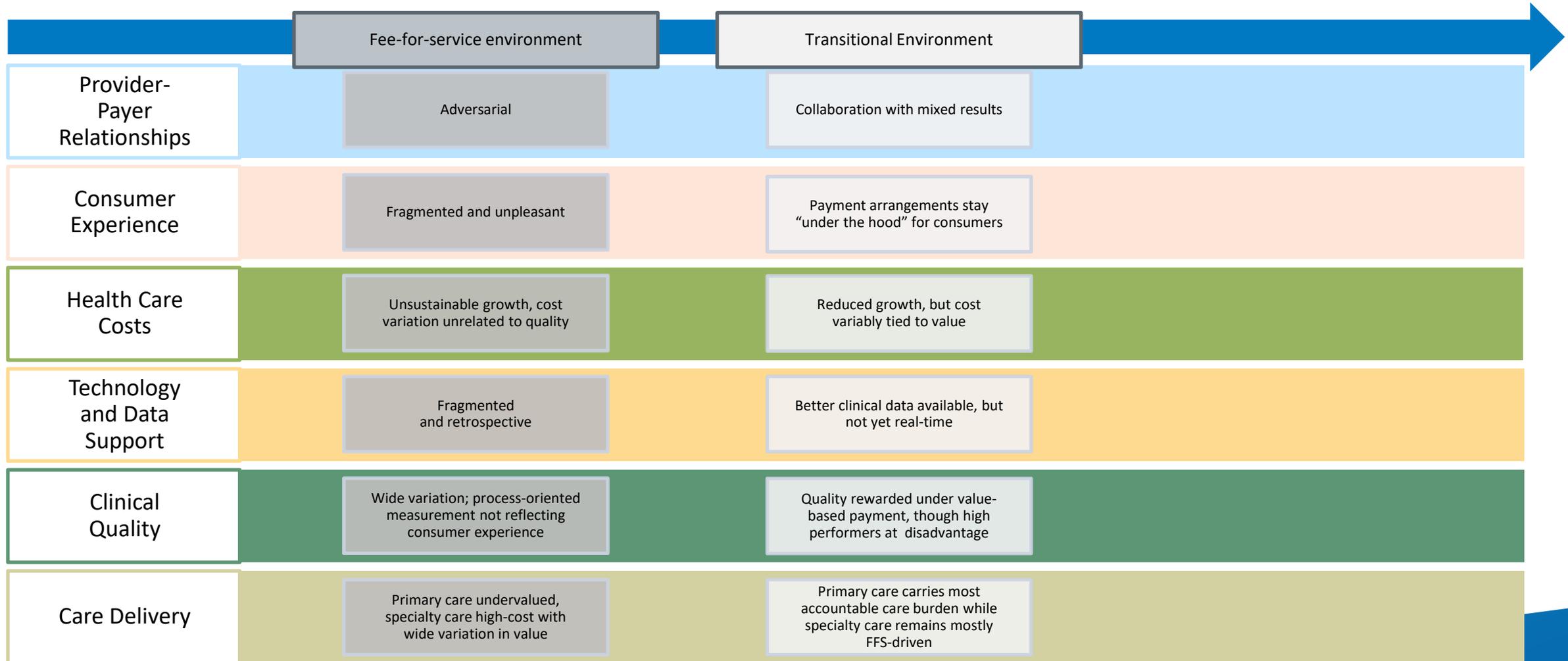
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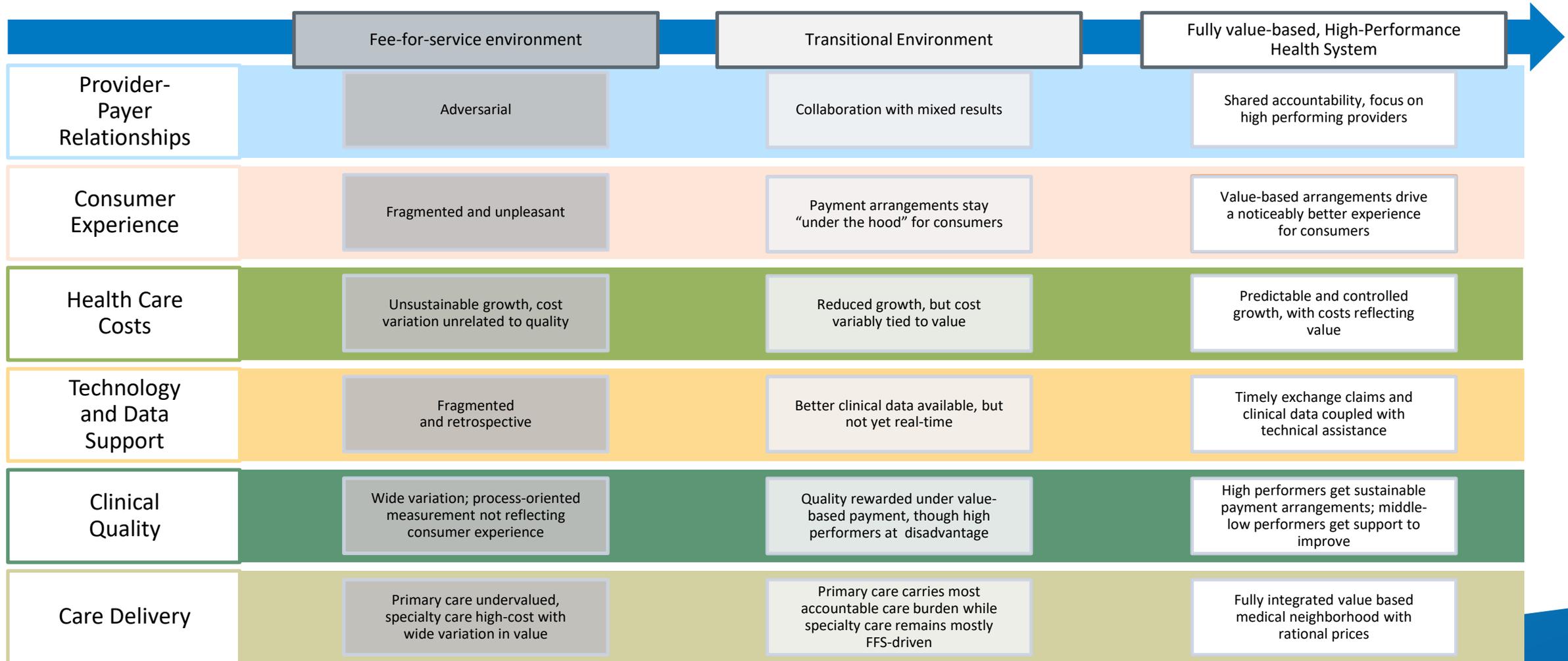
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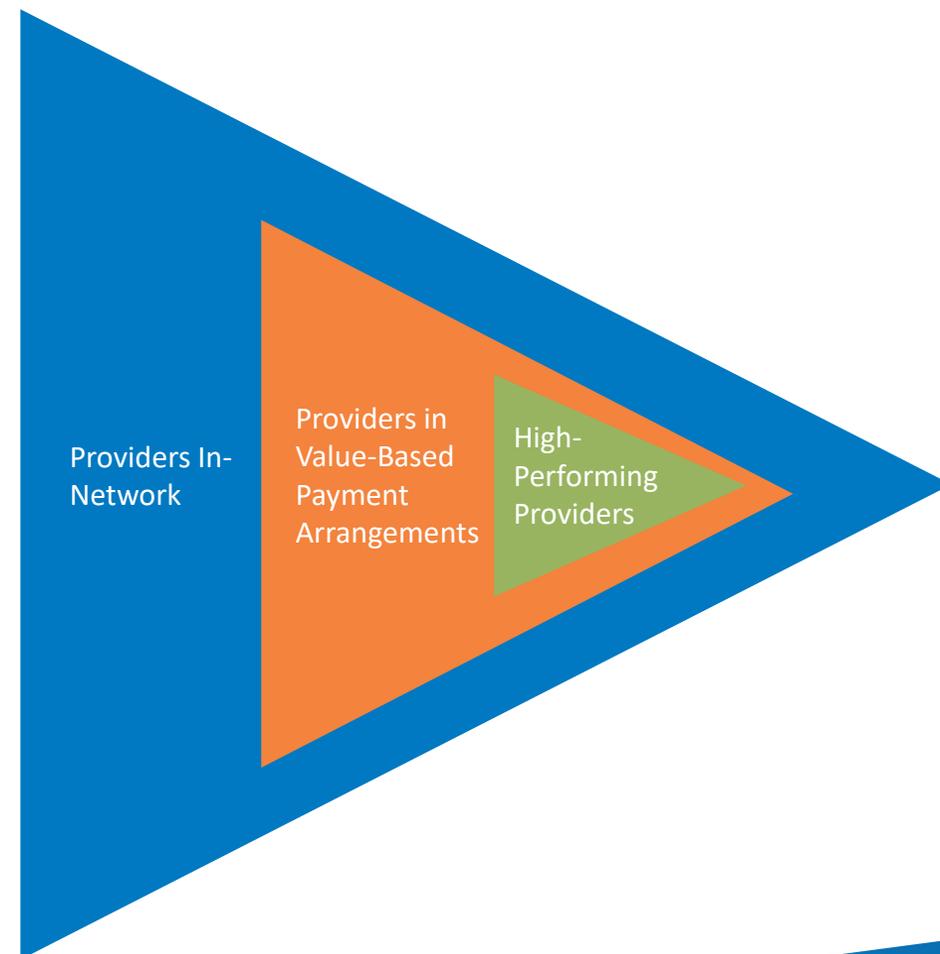
# From “Land Grab” to curated collaboration

Anthem and other payers are moving beyond merely building a value-based footprint.

Many payers are building networks of high-performance providers. Anthem is ready to take it a step further by building entire products around high-performing, motivated providers who excel in delivering high quality care efficiently.

## What’s driving this shift?

- With more than half our medical spend in value-based arrangements, we are approaching diminishing returns on the number of providers who perform well and are committed to engaging with us productively in these arrangements.
- Our employer clients are asking us to demonstrate ROI for value-based care arrangements – they are less interested in the scale of programs by provider count, and rather success delivering savings and better outcomes.



# Curated collaboration

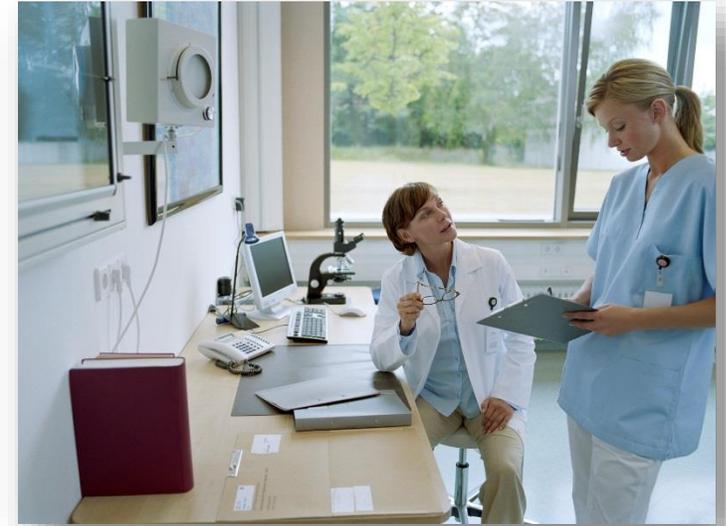
Features and incentives for high-performing providers justify their commitment and investment in population health management and clinical quality improvement work.

- **Reduced administrative burden** – for example, waived prior authorization requirements - furthers trust and engagement for high performers.
- **Sustained performance incentives** – Incentives that recognize sustained excellence in cost and quality, not just incentives tied to year over year improvements, in order to keep high performers engaged.
- **Value-based insurance design** – Features that help to guide members to the best providers and the best care.
- **Incentives for taking on risk** – Proven high performers who take on shared financial risk can count on continuing care coordination PMPMs.



# What about everyone else?

- Enhanced Personal Health Care, our value-based cost of care program for primary care, continues to evolve and drive better quality outcomes and lower overall cost of care. From 2014-2017, EPHC Commercial realized \$1.8 Billion in savings.
- Smaller providers and those with low numbers of attributed patients can participate in a sister program, EPHC Essentials. Care delivery transformation support is virtual and self-paced.
- We continue work on maturing our value-based specialty care and facility programs, including bundled payments, pay-for-performance and Centers of Medical Excellence.



# The delivery system is shifting in tandem with payment models – in some cases not quickly enough



Primary care is shifting too slowly away from FFS model, holding back the rest of the system.



Consumer expectations are shifting, and payment will begin to be tied to consumer experience.



Primary care physicians continue to shift to employed and affiliated practice models, and primary care physicians are in short supply.

# How payment and care delivery are linked

- Transformation means that care and services are better aligned with the needs of patients as opposed to payment
- Incentives for “basic care” must be disconnected from fee-for-service and providers treating whole-patients must have reliable cash flow.
- Fee-for-service is the wrong model for predictable primary care services, wellness, predictable acute and minor procedures, and chronic management. Payment should be tied to outcomes, patient satisfaction, awareness, and activation.



# Creating a value-based medical neighborhood



- Creating a fully value-based primary care system will support and spark reform for specialty and ancillary care payment. Only a fraction of health care spending is directly on primary care, but primary care referrals are still very influential in shaping when and where people receive care.
- More intensive efforts will be required to reshape specialty care payment, which is currently dominated by fee-for-service and pay-for-performance arrangements.

# Making value-based care tangible for patients

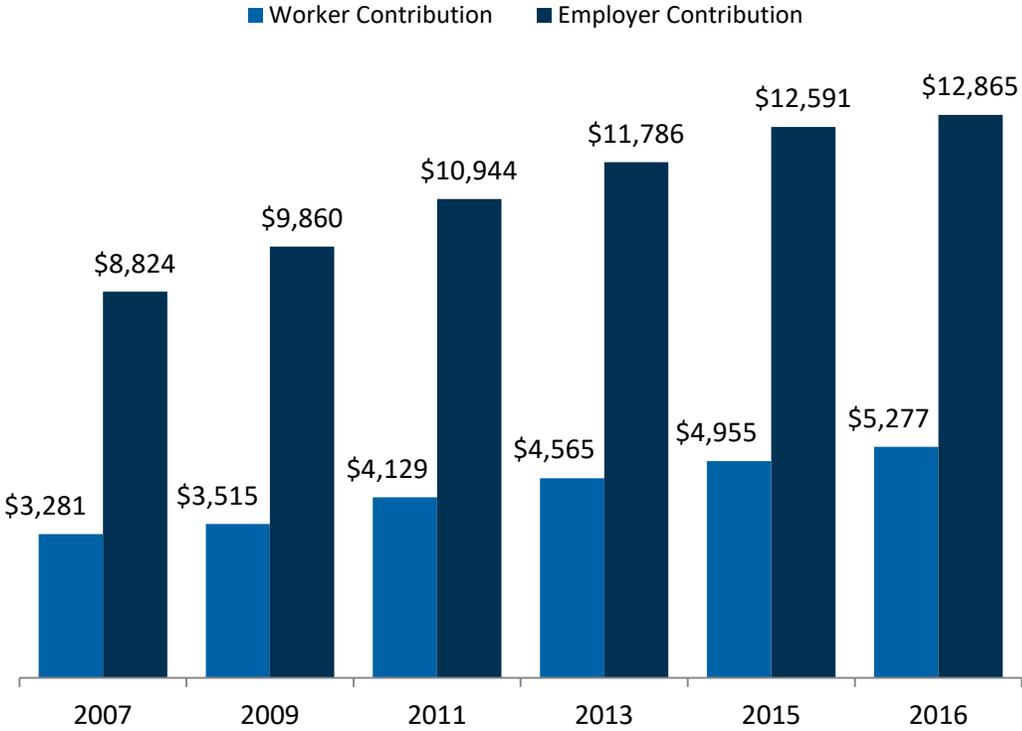
- The value in value-based care has to be visible to consumers – especially in light of the shift to high-performance networks and products.
- Consumers want:
  - Lower cost healthcare with access to the highest quality providers
  - Superior experience with multi-channel access to care
  - Better health outcomes
  - Easy ways to stay actively engaged in their care



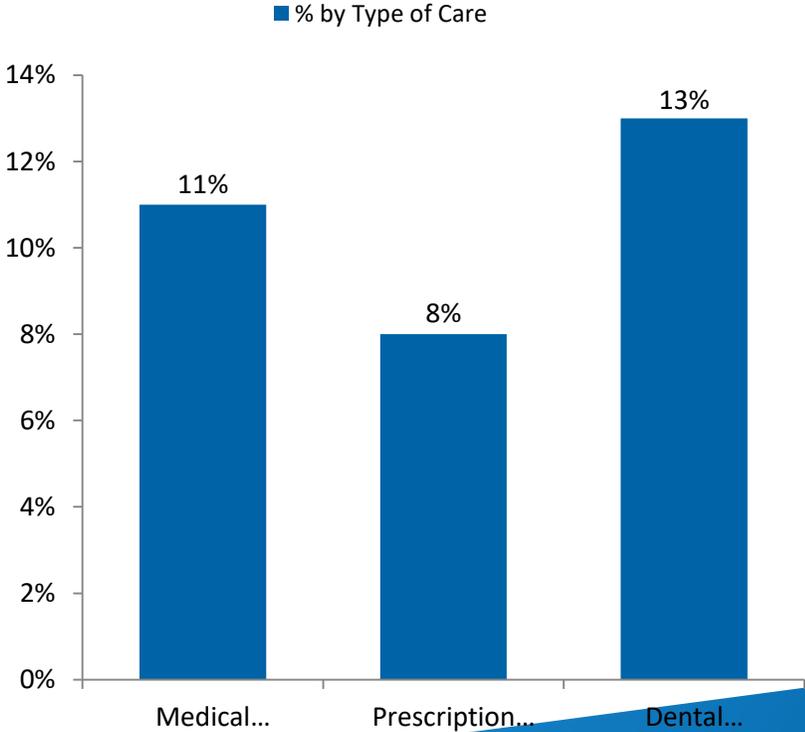
# Rising healthcare costs are reaching a breaking point

Consumers out of pocket costs are rising, resulting in some delaying care or treatment

Average Annual Premium for Family Coverage<sup>1</sup> 2007-2016



% Who Have Avoided Medical Care in Past 12 Months Due to Cost<sup>2</sup> 2014



Source: 1) KFF, Employer Health Benefits 2016 Annual Survey. 2) CDC. Health, United States, 2015, 2016



# Unsustainable cost increases are pressuring employers

## Employers try different tactics to curb costs:

- CDHPs
- Centers of Excellence
- Care and disease management programs
- Narrow networks

## It's partially effective and unsustainable due to:

- Cost variations within the provider community
- Members don't have the right tools/incentives to distinguish between low and high performing providers



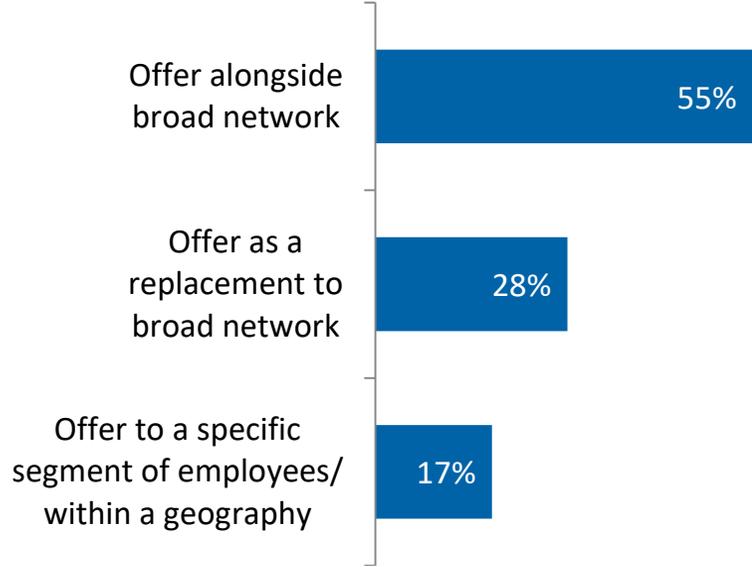
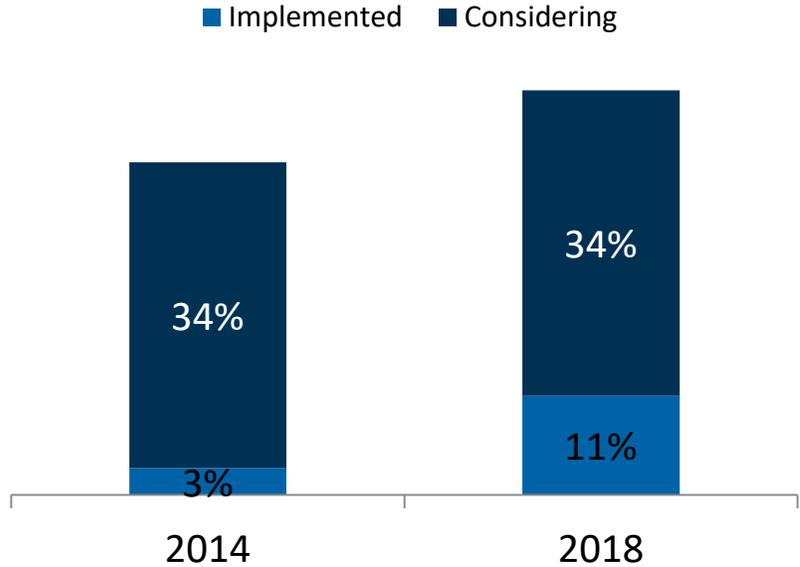
**Employers are looking for new type of curated networks to help drive right care at the right time for their employees at an affordable rate.**

# Demand for curated networks is growing

Percentage of employers who have implemented or are considering performance based networks or ACOs, 2014 and 2018

Performance-based networks

Implementation Strategies for Innovative Network<sup>3</sup>  
National Accounts = 429



Percent growth in implemented **+267%**

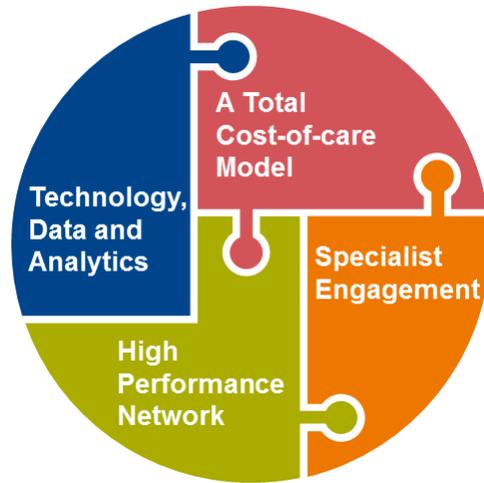
Source: PwC Touchstone Health and Well-being surveys, 2014 and 2018

Source: 2016 BCBSA NADM Network Survey, 2016 NADM Interviews

# Our journey: Build → Identify → Steer



# Cooperative Care



*Input from nationally recognized provider groups and key employers drove refinements in our payment model, leading to improved outcomes, cost containment and a differentiated patient experience*

## Total Cost-of-care Model

“A Better Mousetrap”:  
increased accountability for financial, clinical and experiential outcomes

## Specialist Engagement

Rewards specialists for improving care coordination and outcomes; discourages low-value activity

## High Performance Network

Greater affordability, deeper member engagement and superior member experience

## Technology, Data and Analytics

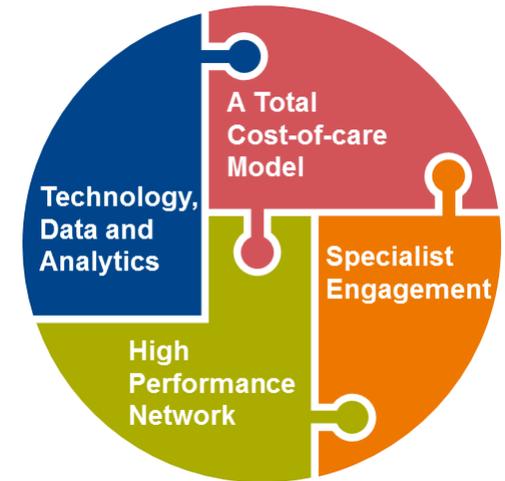
Convenience for patients, better reporting for employers and providers, administrative simplicity

# Cooperative Care

- Launched in 2019, Cooperative Care is a pilot model that pairs value-based payment with a high performance network and a tiered or narrow product
- Cooperative Care offers:
  - Enhanced incentives for high-performing providers
  - Engagement beyond PCPs to specialists and behavioral health
  - Outcomes-focused provider scorecard
  - Differentiated member experience through provider capabilities and digital tools

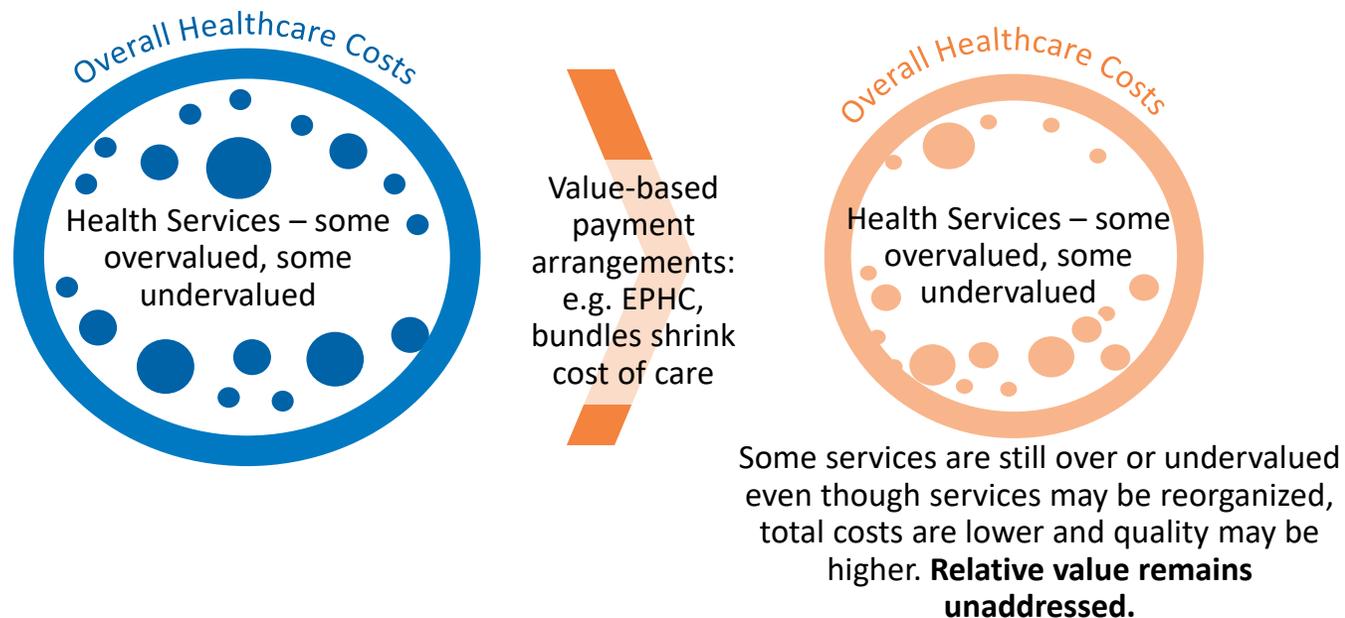
Cooperative Care has integrated requirements to direct member behavior and utilization:

- Required PCP selection, without gatekeeper requirements
- PCP and specialist eConsults (provider to provider interactions) are included as a care provider capability to reduce wasteful specialist visits (as well as shortened wait times)
- Extended access requirements (Online scheduling, 24/7 office hours)
- Multi-modal communication methods for provider-to-member interactions
- Bundled payment requirements ensure buy-in of high cost specialties



# Why the Medicare physician fee schedule matters beyond Medicare

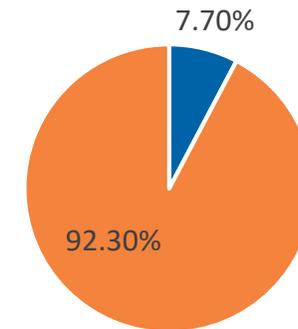
Most commercial insurance fee schedules and even value-based programs are set relative to the Medicare fee schedule – it is the scaffolding holding up value-based payment arrangements between commercial health plans and providers.



# The physician fee schedule undervalues primary care

- Though in theory the Medicare fee schedule is based on a relative value scale, today's fee schedule is only loosely aligned with what we know improves health. Most notably, primary care is undervalued.
- Procedures, imaging, and other interventional activities - reactive care management - are valued higher than cognitive services aimed at managing and coordinating care effectively - proactive care management.

Medical and Drug Spending  
by PPO Plans, 2013-2014

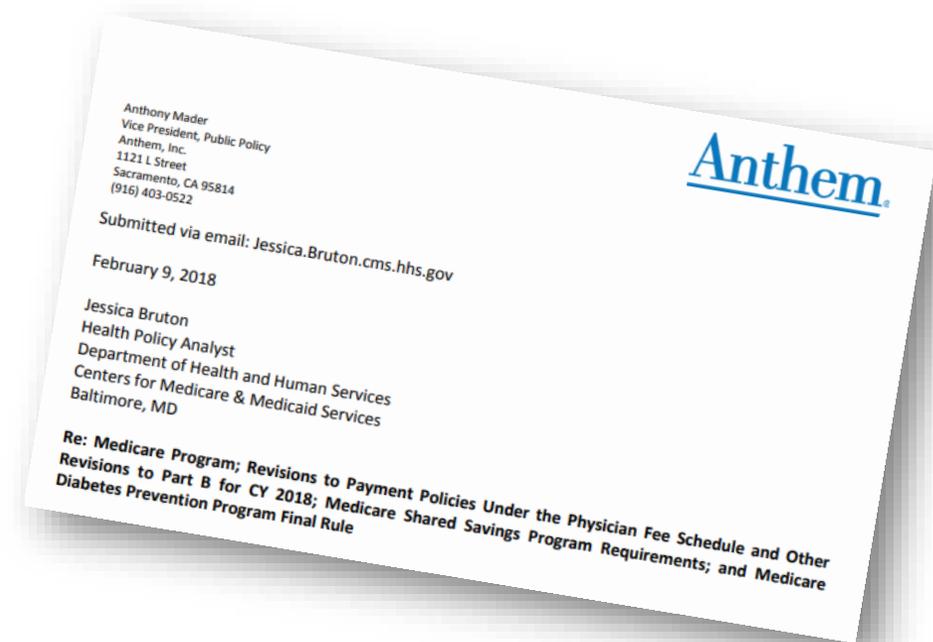


■ Primary Care ■ All Other

*Source: [The Milbank Fund, 2017](#)*

# Who can make these changes

- CMS takes recommendations for reevaluation under the Potentially Misvalued Codes Initiative, but routinely resorts to blanket fee schedule adjustments vs. targeted code reductions
- In February 2018, Anthem wrote to CMS to advocate for reevaluation of a set of services that we believe are overvalued.
- CMS is constrained from a regulatory perspective to a degree many private payers are not.
- We will continue to advocate for CMS action, but will also independently work address clear imbalances in our own fee schedule in an evidence-informed manner.



# Evidence-based care guidelines and specialists' own data will be our guide



- Third party researchers have identified portions of the fee schedule with clearly addressable time distortions
- Anthem plans to begin to address these distortions in our fee schedules, with input from external experts throughout the process
- Anthem's revaluations will happen through fee schedule updates and contractual negotiations.

# FFS Repricing is one component of a holistic payment redesign towards value

- We don't want to destabilize specialty practices – we want to ensure long-term success and promote collaboration between primary care and specialty practices.
- As we rebalance existing components of the fee schedule, we're simultaneously pilot new types of payments:
  - E-Consults to facilitate team-based care between specialists and primary care
  - Chronic care management codes to incentivize support for proactive condition management



# Thank you.

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