Medicaid Accountable Care Organizations: A Fancy New Model Tries to Improve Health

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BASIC IDEA OF AN ACO

GOALS

1. Improve care coordination & service delivery
2. Hold providers financially accountable for patient outcomes

COMMON ACTIVITIES

1. Implementing value-based payments
   - Shared savings
   - Global budgets
2. Measuring quality improvement
3. Collecting & analyzing data
ACOs NATIONALLY
COMMON CHALLENGES

1. Treating complex, high-need populations (not exclusive to homeless)
2. Integrating primary care and behavioral health in a meaningful way
3. Coordinating care
4. Addressing social determinants of health
5. Changing the health care system, clarifying roles of all entities, accommodating other health reform goals, and blending with other state Medicaid initiatives
AREAS OF SPECIFIC INTEREST FOR HCHs

1. Identifying homelessness/housing status
2. Assigning patients to networks and providers appropriately & accommodating a mobile patient population
3. Identifying meaningful outcome measures that align with the patient population
4. Adjusting provider payments for patient risk/acuity/SDoH
5. Including other service providers (shelters, housing, medical respite, case management/outreach, etc.)
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Hennepin County Profile

- Largest Minnesota county by population, includes Minneapolis
- 1.2 million residents
- Relatively favorable health outcomes on average
- Persistent and stark racial and ethnic health disparities
Hennepin Health - Structure

- Defined clinic network
- Shared electronic health record
- Collaborative decision-making
- Data and service integration
- Measuring impact
- Risk-sharing funding model

Prospective enrollment in health plan

Capitated reimbursement from State Medicaid Agency

Public Health, including Health Care for the Homeless

Human Services
# Financial Model: Impact

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<th>Method of Paying Providers for Care</th>
<th>Before Hennepin Health / Traditional Health Care</th>
<th>With Hennepin Health</th>
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<td>Health Plan &lt;-&gt; Provider Financial Incentives</td>
<td>Fee-for-Service <em>(Volume)</em></td>
<td>Total-Cost-of-Care <em>(Value)</em></td>
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<td>Remaining Funds if Financially Successful</td>
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<td>Health Plan Margin</td>
<td>Reinvestment to Further Improve the System</td>
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<td>Medicaid Benefit Set <em>(Rigid)</em></td>
<td>Medicaid Benefit Set + Care Coordination + Targeted Social Service Interventions <em>(Flexible)</em></td>
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Opportunities for Improvement

Basic needs: shelter, food, transportation, income

Acute exacerbation of chronic conditions

Proactive and preventive care

Optimal management

Health plan

Hospital/Clinic

Human Services
• Jim – late 40s, sleeps “all over” (outside, stays with friends/family, various shelters)
  • Active substance use disorder, untreated mental health
  • Frequent ED, detox & jail visitor
  • Intermittent clinic visits (HCH)
  • Goal: “be a role model for my kids and grandkids so they want to see me”

• Beth – late 20s, in overnight shelter > 1 year
  • Untreated mental health, active substance use disorder
  • Frequent psychiatric hospitalizations
  • Rare clinic visits (HCH)
  • Goal: “just be stable”
Evolving health care delivery

• Reinvestment initiatives
• Expanded Medicaid benefits
• Identifying social factors
• Application of data to drive change
Identifying housing status (then what?)
Hennepin Health Access (HHA) Clinic
Reinvestment initiative 2014

• Coordinated Care Center – “Ambulatory ICU”
  • What if you met these patients earlier??

• HHA target population - high impactable ED (and hospital) utilization
  • Homeless
  • Chemically dependent
  • Mentally ill

• Health Care for the Homeless model
  • Integrated, coordinated, multidisciplinary team
  • Enabling services & flexible access
  • Transitional - stabilize and warm hand-off

• Tracking systems – dashboards, reports

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<td>Total Cost of Care/1000</td>
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36% decrease
Social Services Navigation Team

• County-employed social workers working in the community

• Linked to clinic and health plan-based teams

• Addressing social needs and barriers, often housing, employment, or behavioral health-related

• Paid with Medicaid health plan funds
What about Jim and Beth?

- Jim – enrolled in Hennepin Health
  - Connected with HH ED In-Reach → HHA Clinic, HH Social Service Navigators
  - Completed CD treatment, connected to mental health care, moved into housing
  - Job training & placement (HH Vocational Services)
  - Connected with children & grandchildren

- Beth – enrolled in Hennepin Health
  - Connected with HCH respite team → out-patient psychiatry, methadone program, HHA Clinic
  - Applied & approved for long-term disability (income, housing support & services)
  - Clean without hospitalizations > 9 months
  - Moving into her own apartment with services next month
Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program:

Picture of a Practice

and

Impact of Payment Reform

Barry Bock

May 2018
Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program

- Mission: To assure access to quality care for homeless people in the Boston area
- Model: Bring health care to community settings where people are trying to meet basic survival needs
- Founded in 1985
- $54 million annual budget
- Revenue
  - Paid visits, grants
- Alliances with teaching hospitals: BMC & MGH
- Research and Policy Institute
- Primary care
- Behavioral health
- Medical respite
- Oral health
- Pharmacy
- Spread across the city
  - Street outreach
  - >45 shelter clinics
  - Hospital-based clinics
  - McInnis House and Kirkpatrick House
  - Inpatient wards
**Medicine Where It Matters**

**Hospital-based Clinics**

BHCHP maintains strong ties to our local hospitals, including Mass General Hospital and Boston Medical Center, in the care of our patients. With onsite clinical space, our staff provides primary care, monitors our homeless patients who are hospitalized, and supports the follow up and discharge planning after a hospital stay.

**Family Team Sites**

As the number of homeless families in and around Boston continues to grow, BHCHP works hard to meet the demand for quality health care in family shelters, such as Crittenton Women's Union, and mobiles across the region.

**Jean Yawkey Place**

As BHCHP's integrated medical facility in the South End, Jean Yawkey Place unites medical care, behavioral health, and oral health services under one roof through our outpatient dental clinic, pharmacy, and respite program known as the Barbara McInnes House.

**Shelter-based Clinics**

In order to be easily accessible to homeless people, BHCHP provides care in shelters, day programs and other unique locations throughout greater Boston, including Pine Street Inn & St. Francis House.

**KEY**

- **Adult Shelter-Based**
- **Hospital-Based**
- **Family Team/Site**
- **Family Team/Site - Hotel**
- **Nutritional/Institute Center**

**Not shown:**

- All way's parks benches, under bridges
- Asian Task Force Against Domestic Violence (Deboston)
- Colonial Traveler (Saugus)
- Finley House (unidentified location)
- Holliday Inn (Brookline)
- Home Suites Inn (Watertown)
- New England Motor Court (Maiden)
- Paul Sullivan Housing - (varied)
- Super 8 Hotel (Brockton)
- Town Line Inn ( Watertown)

*as of June 2015*
Mortality

- Seven large scale mortality studies in USA
  - Drug overdose has replaced HIV as the emerging epidemic
  - Heart disease, cancer next most common
- Mortality rates 4.5 – 9.0 times that of the general public
- Average age at death = 51
- Death from undertreated medical illness and complications of substance use
Compared with the overall MassHealth membership, BHCHP patients are much sicker, much more expensive and have far more hospital stays.

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<th>Medicaid- Only Individuals Not Enrolled in MCOs</th>
<th>Number of Patients or Members</th>
<th>Average DxCG score</th>
<th>Average annual cost</th>
<th>Hospital discharges per 1,000</th>
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<td>BHCHP Patients</td>
<td>4,168</td>
<td>3.4</td>
<td>$20,093</td>
<td>852</td>
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<td>PCC Plan Members</td>
<td>447,912</td>
<td>1.5</td>
<td>$6,679</td>
<td>129</td>
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<td>Ratio BHCHP:PCC</td>
<td>2.3</td>
<td>3.0</td>
<td>6.6</td>
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The BHCHP patients have DxCG scores twice as high, average costs three times higher, hospital discharges over six times higher and emergency department visits almost four times higher than MassHealth members under age 65.
The World is Changing: Realities and Opportunities
The World Is Changing

• A health care system in crisis
• Massachusetts Payment Reform (Chapter 224)
• Overarching aims:
  • Improve quality of care
  • Reduce health care disparities
  • Improve health and functional outcomes
  • Contain costs
Realities and Opportunities

• We are now part of larger care delivery networks
  • ACO (1700 attributed/11,700 patients)
    • Behavioral Health Community Partner (CP)
• We need to be experts in coordinating and managing the clinical care for people who are homeless
• The quality of our work will be monitored and expected to improve
• Value will be important and compared to alternative providers of care
Realities and Opportunities

• We will be expected to function as a *PCMH on steroids*, emphasizing patient involvement and use of data to manage populations
• Highly functioning teams are a prerequisite for success
• Reasonable access and strong integration between behavioral health and primary care is expected
• We will broaden our ability to perform *care coordination* for all our patients, and *complex care management* for highest-risk patients, especially during *transitions of care*
Realities and Opportunities

• At least part of our reimbursement is per patient, not per visit
• We will have more flexibility to use reimbursement money the way we feel is most likely to improve the health of our patients
• Although MassHealth will “risk adjust” payments based on certain social determinants of health including homelessness, that payment is not yet passed down to BHCHP from the larger ACO system
Implications for our Care Model
Key Responsibilities

• Coordinate and integrate both medical and behavioral health care
• Develop and maintain individualized care plans
• Manage transitions in and out of inpatient settings aggressively
• Provide 24 hour call with elastic response / diversionary capabilities: offer alternatives to ER
• Impact social determinants of health
Massachusetts Reform Initiatives
New 1115 Waiver:
Complete Restructuring
CMS Investment and Targets: Concept Overview

More aggressive targets → larger savings off trend → larger potential net investment

Projected trend

Performance

Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 | Year 7 | Year 8 | Year 9 | Year 10
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Net investment

$0.6B | $0.6B | $0.3B | $0.3B | $0.2B

MassHealth savings

Total savings over 10 years = $2B

$2B upfront investment over 5 years

Investment is explicitly temporary, goes away after Year 5
In subsequent years, reform is self-sustaining and supported by savings
Clinical Care Model:
Primary Care Payment Reform Initiative

Goals of MassHealth Restructuring

• Improve population health and care coordination through payment reform and value-based payment models
• Improve integration of physical and behavioral health care
• Scale innovative approaches for populations receiving long-term services and supports
• Ensure financial sustainability of MassHealth
MassHealth has begun risk adjusting for SDH

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<th>Measured by MassHealth</th>
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<td><strong>Homelessness/ Unstable housing</strong></td>
<td>Medium</td>
<td>• Appropriate ICD-10 Code for Homelessness or housing instability&lt;br&gt;• 3 or more addresses in 1 year</td>
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<td><strong>Behavioral health</strong></td>
<td>High</td>
<td>• Serious Mental Illness&lt;br&gt;• Substance Use Disorder</td>
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<td><strong>Disability</strong></td>
<td>High</td>
<td>• Dept. Mental Health Client&lt;br&gt;• Dept. Developmental Services Client&lt;br&gt;• Otherwise entitled to Medicaid due to disability</td>
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<td><strong>Neighborhood stress</strong></td>
<td>Varies (can be negative)</td>
<td>• Zip code - neighborhood stress score assigned with high % low income, unemployed etc.</td>
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Accountable Care Organizations
Behavioral Health
Community Partners
Objectives for Behavioral Health (BH) Community Partners (CPs)

- Support members with high BH needs and their families to help them **navigate the complex system of BH care** in Massachusetts
- **Improve member experience, continuity and quality of care**
- Create opportunity for ACOs and MCOs\(^2\) to **leverage the expertise and capabilities of existing BH community-based organizations** servicing populations with BH needs
- **Invest in the continued development of BH infrastructure** (e.g. technology, information systems)
- **Improve collaboration** across ACOs / MCOs, CPs, community organizations addressing the social determinants of health, and BH, LTSS, and physical delivery systems in order to break down existing silos and **deliver integrated care**
- **Avoid duplication of care coordination and care management resources** (i.e., across EOHHS\(^3\) and its vendors)
- **Support values** of community-first, SAMHSA recovery principles, and cultural competence
BH CPs will be paid directly by MassHealth from DSRIP funds, through June 2022, and are not at risk for TCOC performance.

- BH CPs must also be or include a BH service provider
- MassHealth has indicated that self-referral will be monitored, but has not set specific limits
- BH CP financial conflicts of interest must be disclosed to MassHealth and to members
- BH CPs must inform members of multiple service options and 2+ service providers (where applicable)
- Earlier indication of an “administrative separation” requirement not included in BH CP RFR / model contract

* Only for months in which the CP documents a “qualifying” outreach or coordination activity, funding for outreach to new members limited to 3 months

Source: BH CP RFR and Model Contract: MassHealth CP public meeting presentation
BHCHP’s Approach to CPs: Interview Barry

• What was your original concept for a consortium of homeless and addiction service providers?
• Who is part of the consortium?
• How will care be coordinated across the consortium members?
• What does it take to pull off the formation of a consortium legally and functionally?
Targeted Cost Challenge Investment Awardee Highlight:
Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program

**Primary Aim**
Reduce ED visits and admissions by 20% for high cost and high need homeless patients

**Innovative Model**
Coordinated care hub for primary care, behavioral health care, housing agencies and shelters, and social services providers
BHCHP will serve as a hub for a team of primary, acute, and specialty medical providers along with shelters, and advocacy organizations to identify patients, track utilization, and provide intensive case coordination for patients whose needs and day-to-day paths span many types of services and providers.

**Challenge Area**

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**Partners**
- Bay Cove Human Services
- Boston Public Health Commission
- Boston Rescue Mission
- Casa Esperanza
- Massachusetts Housing and Shelter Alliance
- The New England Center and Home for Veterans
- Pine Street Inn
- St. Francis House
- Victory Programs

**Total Initiative Cost**
$919,085

**Estimated Savings**
$1,496,000

Source: Health Policy Commission Board Meeting, July 27, 2016
**HEALTH POLICY COMMISSION (HPC) GRANT OVERVIEW**

**Grant Objective:** Coordinate care across 10 agencies to better serve people experiencing homelessness, improving their access to services that address the social determinants of health and reducing their avoidable ED and hospital utilization by 20%.


**Target Population:** To start, 60 homeless individuals with high costs/high health care utilization.

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**Social Determinants of Health**

**Coordinated Care Hub**

**for people experiencing homelessness**

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**1. DEDICATED RESOURCES**

- 16:1 client-to-staff ratio
  - Recognizes challenge of engaging highest-risk clients
  - Ensures that engagement can be focused and consistent over time
  - Special program requiring client consent for participation

**2. SHARED INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

- so you can contact & communicate with other agencies more easily
  - Shared care management platform (ETC)

**3. SHARED CARE PLANS**

- so your client's goals are created by him or her – and being supported by all of us

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**4. CONNECTION TO PRIMARY CARE**

- You’ll know your client’s health care team, and they’ll know you
  - Regular communication with doctor/nurses
  - Joint training and case conferencing

**5. DATA TO HELP YOU UNDERSTAND YOUR CLIENT'S NEEDS & SERVICE USE**

- Information from Medicaid claims, health record & other social service agencies
  - Data about how to improve client's connection to care (e.g., when due for cancer screenings)
  - Data about recent hospitalizations/HED visits
  - Data about care management & housing from HMTS

**6. SUPPORT FROM HUB LEADERSHIP TEAM**

- Meets regularly to troubleshoot and strategize about progress and "pain points"
  - Dashboard reviewed monthly so we've got all eyes on goal
  - May be able to prioritize housing services, or other resources

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**Bay Cove Human Services**  **Boston Public Health Commission**

**Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program**  **Boston Rescue Mission**

**Casas Esperanza**  **Massachusetts Housing and Shelter Alliance**

**New England Center for Homeless Veterans**  **Pine Street Inn**

**Victory programs**
PANEL DISCUSSION