Innovative Models of Health Care Delivery:
Central Minnesota ACO Investment Model

Rural Hospital Executive Education Series
Agenda

1. DHHS goals for alternative payment models
2. New models of delivery and payment
3. Central Minnesota AIM
4. AHA Board Task Force
Target percentage of payments in ‘FFS linked to quality’ and ‘alternative payment models’ by 2016 and 2018

- **Triple Aim**
  - Better Care
  - Smarter Spending
  - Healthier People

- **Moving from volume to value**
  - Pay-for-performance initiatives
  - Alternative payment models

**Goals**

- Alternative payment models (Categories 3-4)
- FFS linked to quality (Categories 2-4)
- All Medicare FFS (Categories 1-4)
From Volume to Value

CMS Framework

Traditional FFS

Value-Based (Link to Quality)
- Hospital VBP
- Physician VM
- Readmissions
- HACs
- Quality Reporting

Alternative Delivery Models
- ACOs
- Medical homes
- Bundled payments CJR and Cardiology
- Comprehensive Primary Care+
- Comprehensive ESRD

Population Health/At Risk
- Eligible Pioneer ACOs in years 3-5
- Global Budgets (Maryland hospitals)

Volume Value
Demonstration Projects
- Frontier Community Health Integration Project
- Value-based purchasing demo for CAHs
- Frontier Extended Stay Clinic
- Rural Community Hospital Program
- CMMI Challenge Grants
- State Innovation Models

Alternative Payment Models
- Bundled Payments
- ACO Investment Model
- Regional/Global Budgets
State Initiatives

- Georgia Free-standing Emergency Room
- Kansas Primary Health Centers 12/24 hour
- Oregon Rural Hospital Reform Initiative
- Minnesota CAH Payment Reform
- Washington New Blue “H” Initiative
- South Carolina Hospital Transformation Plan Program
Rural Health Initiatives

Population Health
Health Networks
  • Administrative
  • Clinical integration

Advanced Payment Models
  • Bundled payments
  • Medicaid ACOs
  • Medicare Shared Savings ACOs
  • Commercial plan APMs
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ACO INVESTMENT MODEL (AIM)
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AIM seeks to encourage uptake of coordinated, accountable care in rural geographies by offering pre-payment of shared savings in both upfront and ongoing per beneficiary per month payments.
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In order to be eligible for the ACO Investment Model, an ACO must have met the following criteria:

- Accepted into and participate in the Shared Savings Program.
- Determined to be from a rural area using the application selection criteria.
- Includes only a CAH or inpatient PPS hospital with 100 or fewer beds.
- Is not owned or operated in whole or in part by a health plan.
- Did not participate in the Advance Payment Model.
AIM ACO that begins on January 1, 2016 receives three types of payments:

- An upfront, fixed payment
- An upfront, variable payment: based on the number of its preliminarily prospectively-assigned beneficiaries
- A monthly payment of varying amount depending on the size of the ACO: based on the number of its preliminarily prospectively-assigned beneficiaries.
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- The **upfront payments** support ACOs in improving infrastructure and redesigning care processes.
- **Savings** are **projected prospectively for 2 years** and returned to CMS, but only if realized.
- The **third year is full risk** for the providers. At the end of the third year the hospitals can choose to disband, continue, grow or merge the ACO as desired.
Uses of AIM funding include:

- Investments in infrastructure such as the expansion of HIT systems to include a patient portal and/or data warehouse capabilities.
- Hiring of staff such as nurse case managers, executives or project directors to oversee the implementation of care coordination efforts.
Next Steps:
- Self-insured employee health plans
- Understanding BIG DATA
- Patient-centered coordinated care.
AHA Board Task Force: Ensuring Access to Care in Vulnerable Communities
Ensuring Access to Health Care in Vulnerable Communities Task Force

- Confirm the **characteristics and parameters** of vulnerable rural and urban communities by analyzing hospital financial and operational data and other information from qualitative sources where possible;

- Identify **emerging strategies, delivery models and payment models** for health care services in rural and urban areas;

- Identify **policies/issues at the federal level** that impede, or could create, an appropriate climate for transitioning to a different payment model or model of care delivery, as well as identify policies that should be maintained.
Task Force Update

• Task force work is ongoing
• Anticipated time frame for report
• Listening sessions
  • January 27, February 9, March 8
  • Venue for members to convene and discuss items being considered by the task force
  • Feedback received will be incorporated into the work of the task force
    - Task force members will attend
    - AHA will provide a summary report to the task force members
• Potential models
Rural Hospitals: A Community’s Anchor

DID YOU KNOW?

- Rural America includes approximately 67 million people, about 18% of the population and 84% of the geographic area of the USA.
- There are 1,866 rural hospitals that support nearly 2 million jobs.
- Every dollar spent by a rural hospital produces another $2.28 of economic activity.
- A typical critical access hospital employs 213 community members.
- Rural hospitals handle more than 21.5 million emergency visits.

Tell Congress to protect health care in rural communities.
Discussion

Questions and Comments
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Questions

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