CMS Person and Family Engagement: Incentivizing Advances that Matter to Consumers  
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Learning Objectives

1. Explore ways to incentivize advances in health IT to reach patients.

2. Discuss application of patient-generated data to drive system change.

3. Examine patients’ perspectives on current engagement in healthcare.
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Patients at the Center of Care

- Admitted to Hospital – Electronic Health Records
- Hospital Acquired Pressure Ulcer
- Discharged to a Skilled Nursing Facility
- Readmitted within 10 Days
- Drug Reaction Diagnosed
- Discharged to a Skilled Nursing Facility
- Readmitted within 7 Days
- Stage 3 Pressure Ulcer
- Catheter - Urinary Tract Infection
- Continuity of Care
- Central Line
- Discharged to a Skilled Nursing Facility
- Discharged to Hospice Care
CMS Quality Strategy

Goals

• Make care safer
• Strengthen person and family centered care
• Promote effective communications and care coordination
• Promote effective prevention and treatment
• Promote best practices for healthy living
• Make care affordable

Foundational Principles
• Enable Innovation
• Foster learning organizations
• Eliminate disparities
• Strengthen infrastructure and data systems

Better Care  Healthier People  Smarter Spending
What are the levers available to CMS to support Patient and Family Engagement?

- Policy, Programs and Quality Improvement
- Benefit Design, Value and Incentives
- Engagement in Decision Making, Care Coordination, Prevention and Treatment
- Family and Caregiver Support and Engagement
Policy, Programs and Quality Improvement

- CMS Quality Strategy
- Person and Family Engagement Affinity Group
- Measures Development Technical Expert Panels
- Focused Groups/Patients in the Room for Program Development
- Incorporating Public Comments
- Learning and Action Networks
Benefit Design, Value and Incentives

- Weighting of Patient Experience and Patient Reported outcomes in VBP Programs
- Innovations Models (e.g. Medicare Care Choice Models for Palliative Care; Premium design and co-pay innovations)
- Money Follows the Person
- “From Coverage to Care” Activities
# EHR: 2009 to Current

## 2009 State of the World
- Fewer than 20% of physicians and hospitals using basic EHR
- Trivial adoption of value-based purchasing and alternative payment models
- No common standards or functionality of EHRs

## Today
- 97% of hospitals using EHRs
- 74% of physicians
- 300,000+ professionals received incentive payments
- Nearing 30% goal for APM adoption
- VBP becoming common place for physicians clinicians
- MIPS performance period as soon as 2017

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EHR-MU: Policy Drivers

• Rewarding providers for the **outcomes** technology helps them achieve with their patients.

• Allowing providers the **flexibility to customize** health IT to their individual practice needs. Technology must be user-centered and support physicians.

• **Leveling the technology playing field** to promote innovation including for start-ups and new entrants by unlocking electronic health information through open APIs – technology tools that underpin many consumer applications

• **Prioritizing interoperability** by implementing federally recognized, national interoperability standards and focusing on real-world uses of technology by patients and physicians like ensuring continuity of care during referrals or finding ways for patients to engage in their own care.
MACRA – Merit Based Incentive Program

• Quality of Care
• Electronic Health Records
• Clinical Practice Improvement
• Resource Use
Electronic Health Records for Patient Safety and Quality

- **Comprehensiveness**: EHRs can offer a more complete picture of a patient’s health.
- **Speed**: In critical moments, EHRs can provide instant access to a patient’s information.
- **Flagging potential conflicts**: EHRs incorporate warning systems to inform clinicians when they order a medication that could interact with another medication a patient is taking.
- **Verifying medications and dosages**: Similarly, many e-prescribing systems incorporate a verification system to check the barcode on a medication against a drug name.
- **Reducing the need to repeat risky tests and procedures**: All medical tests and procedures—even those that are safe—carry risk. A comprehensive EHR can reduce that risk.
Engagement in Decision-making, Care Coordination, Prevention and Treatment

- CMS Compare Sites
- Early Elective Delivery Reduction Initiative
- Every person with Diabetes Counts
- Transforming Clinical Practice Initiative
- Use of Decisions Support Tools in HIT
- Eliminating Barriers to Sharing Information
Family and Caregiver Support and Engagement

- Families in the Room opportunities
- Learning and Action Network Participation
- Respite Programs
- Medicaid Family Counseling Programs
- Caregiver resources on Medicare.gov
CMS Affinity Groups

CMS established Quality Affinity Groups to facilitate alignment and coordination across the agency on topics that crosses multiple components.
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Beneficiary and Family Centered Care Quality Improvement Organization (BFCC-QIO)

Activities:
- Toll-Free Beneficiary HelpLine
- Beneficiary Complaint/Quality of Care Review Program
- Immediate Advocacy
- Sanctions
- Emergency Treatment and Active Labor Act (EMTALA) Investigations
- Notices of Non-Coverage Expedited Appeals Review
- Discharge/ Termination of Service Appeals
- Medicare Administrative Program Compliance
- Hospital Coding and Billing Payment Validation
- Medical Necessity and Utilization Review
- Higher-Weighted DRG Review
- Redetermination Reviews *(a.k.a. 2 Midnight Rule)*
- Patient and Family Engagement
- Medicare Outreach
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Incentives for Health IT Engagement

- 24/7 Online access to view test results, medical records, emailing your provider, and order prescriptions online.
- Check in kiosks can be used to check in when lines to the reception areas are long.
- Resources are available in multiple languages.
Want to Dream IT Features

- Out of State Access
- Tele Health
- Convenience of sending your provider pictures of your wounds/injuries.
Patient/Healthcare Provider Relationship
The Road to Success...

The road to SUCCESS is always under construction.
Thank You

Questions?