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THE BUSINESS OF PEDIATRICS: BETTER CARE = BETTER PAYMENT

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SMALLER vs BIGGER?

WHAT PRACTICE SIZE IS JUST RIGHT?

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Looking ahead- what's best for pediatric practice?

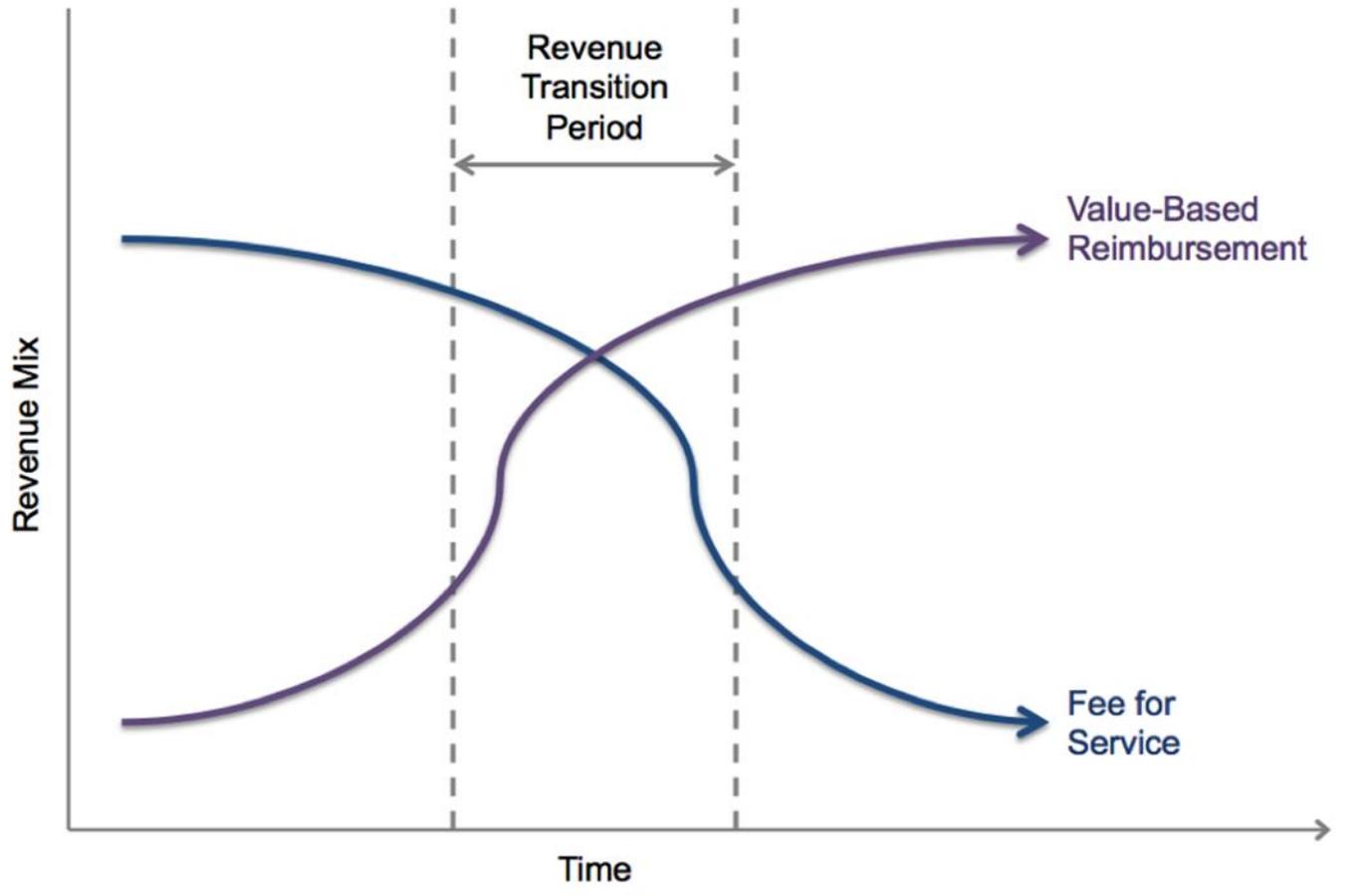


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Shift from FFS to value-based payment



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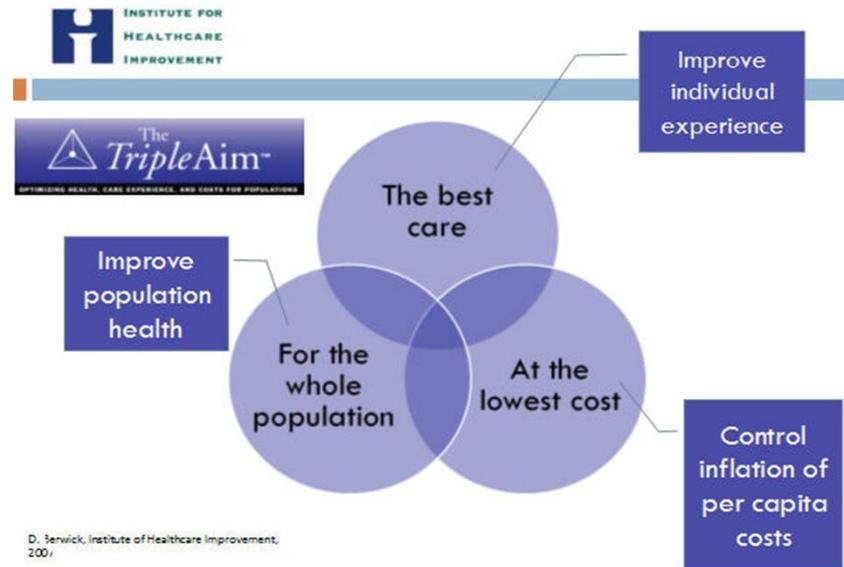
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ACA driving new payment models

Health Care Reform



“Triple Aim”



HHS: CMS Timetable for Value Based Payment

- “Triple Aim” ⇒ “Better, Smarter, Healthier”
- January 2015: HHS sets clear goals & timeline for shifting Medicare reimbursements **from volume to value**
 - Shift Medicare payments to physicians and hospitals through alternative payment models such as medical homes and accountable care organizations (ACOs)
 - **30% by 2016; 50% by 2018**
 - In addition, HHS has set a goal of tying 85% of all fee-for-service (FFS) payments to quality and cost measures by 2016, and 90% by 2018.
- AMA, AAFP: We’re “on board”



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MACRA: MIPS & APM's

- Beginning 2017, Medicare providers will be required to participate (incrementally) in Merit-Based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) or Alternative Payment Model (APM) (eg ACO with risk-based payment)
- Higher performing practitioners will receive increased payments- funded by reduced payments to lower performers
- Public reporting of performance
- Applies to Medicare but potential to extend to Medicaid and commercial insurance (adult care initially- pediatrics?)



MACRA (Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015) (BIPARTISAN APPROVAL)

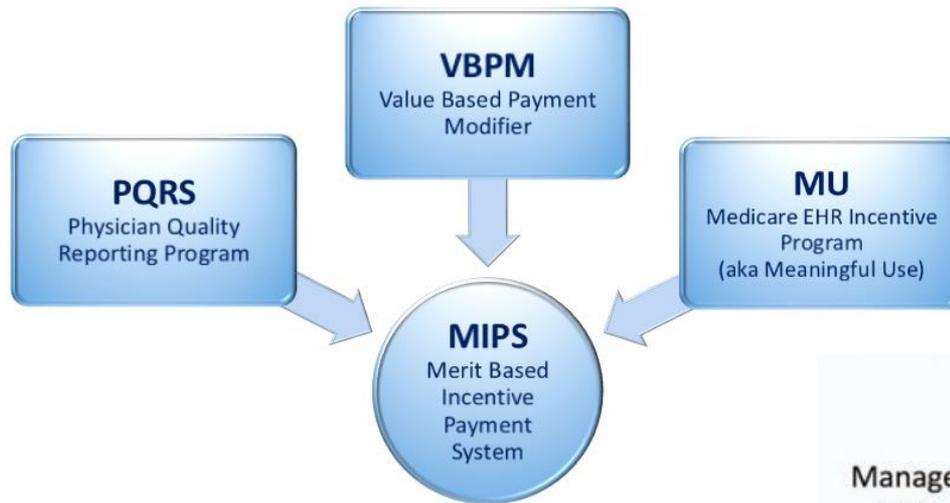
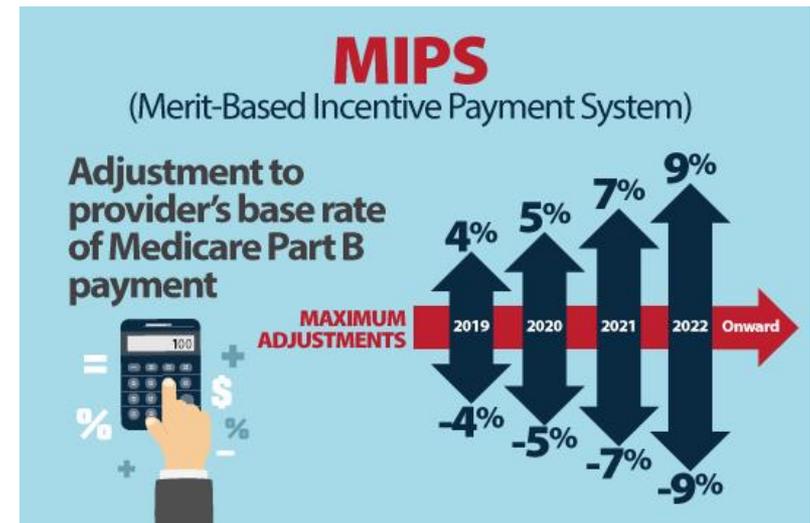
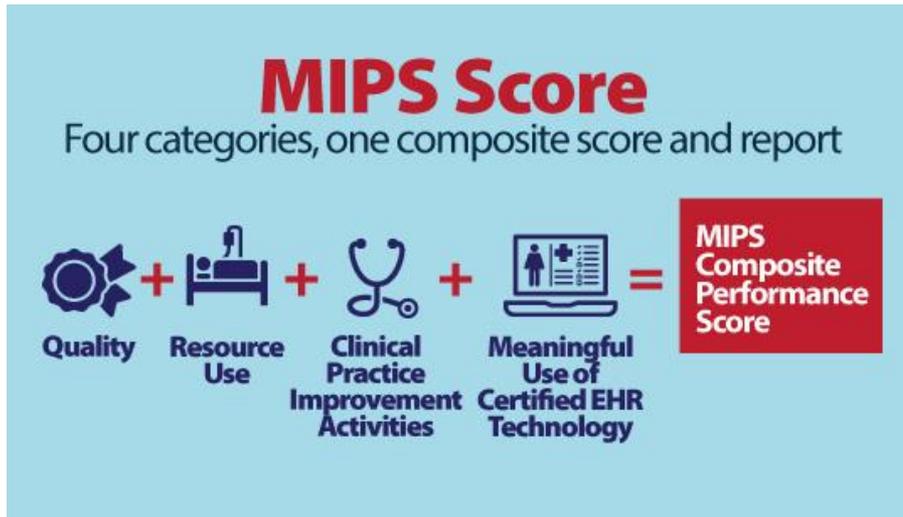
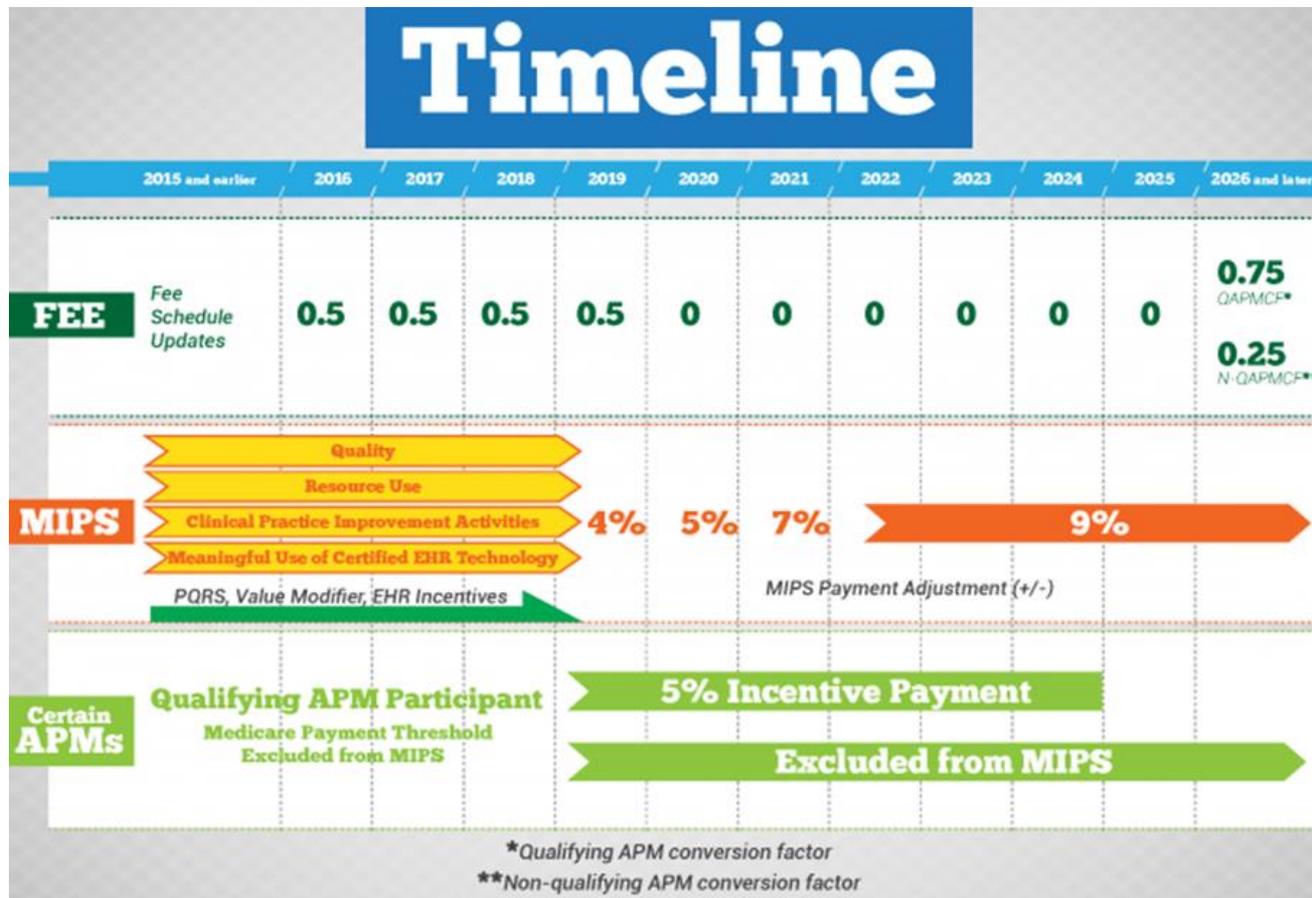


Figure 1. The reimbursement decision for providers.

Merit-Based Incentive Payment System (+/-)



MIPS: Merit-based Incentive Payment System



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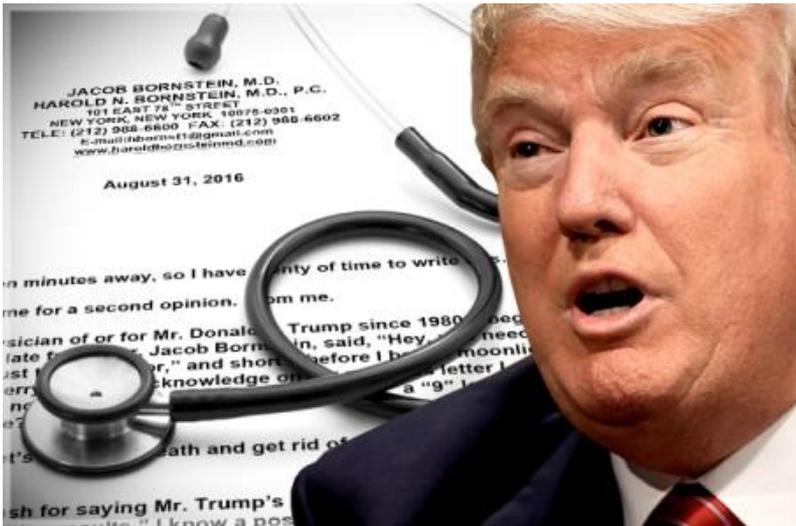
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What about pediatrics?



The future is not so clear...

ACA Repeal?



Pediatric Payment



I have a plan...

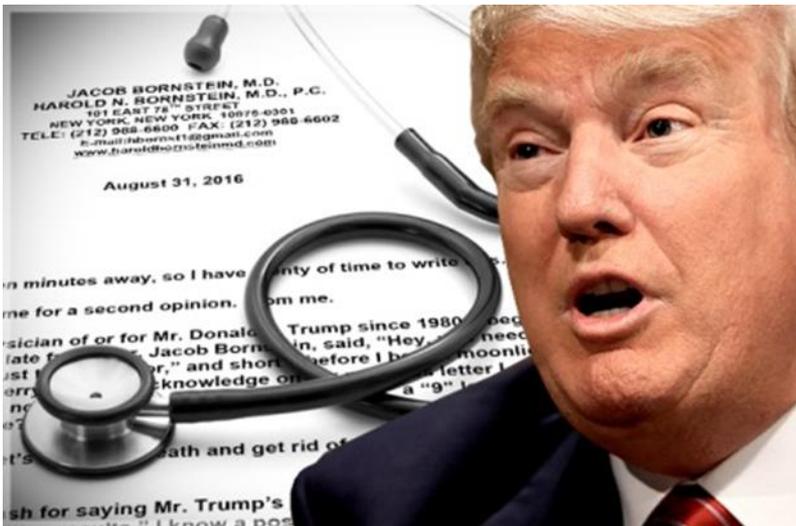


I support health care for people. I want people well taken care of. But I also want health care that we can afford as a country. I have people and friends closing down their businesses because of Obamacare.

(Donald Trump)

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Implications for children, families & pediatricians



Priorities & timeline?

- ACA repeal vs replace
- HHS (Tom Price) & CMS (Seema Verma) appointees & priorities
 - Medicaid block grants to states
 - CHIP (Children's Health Insurance Program) reauthorization (thru 2017)
 - Coverage of children and preventive services
 - Reduced coverage?
 - Lower premium vs more out of pocket expense?



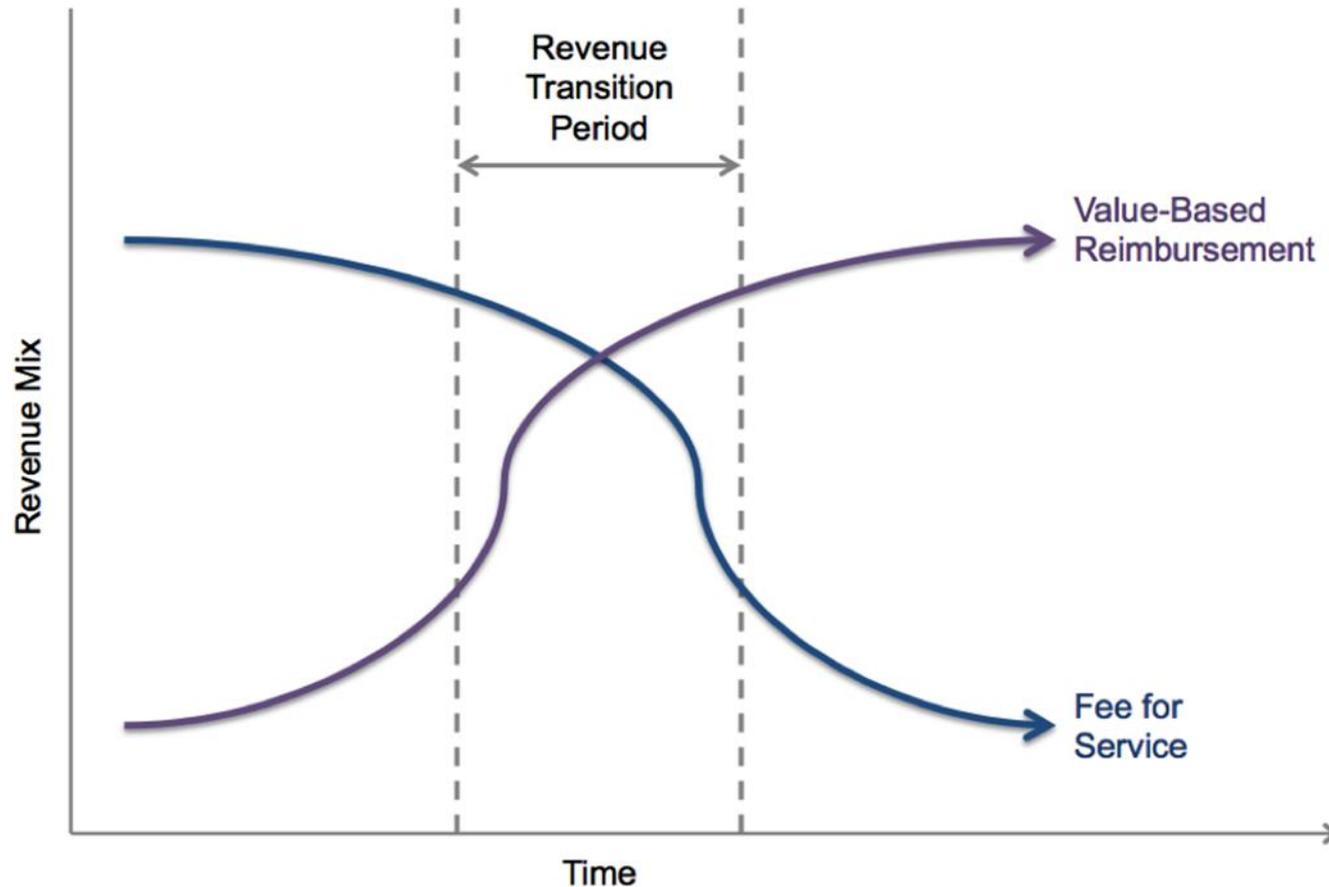
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Shift from FFS to value-based payment continuing



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Current payment incentive trends will continue

- Pediatric practices will be increasingly accountable for meeting both care quality (eg HEDIS, EPSDT) and cost measures
 - Not just for patients you see in your practice- but **all patients attributed to you** as PCP/medical home/panel
 - Not just the cost of care in your practice (what you charge) but the **total utilization and total spend of all patients attributed to you** across the care continuum
- Payment adjusted on top of base payment through withholds or incentives

Think differently about care delivery and payment models



Expand focus beyond individual patient



Manage care & expense for ALL patients



What's a pediatric practice to do?

- Most pediatric practices are good at “small practice” business- but business is changing...
- Most pediatric practices lack the infrastructure & resources for managing care and cost outside their practice- particularly for attributed patients who are not actively engaged in primary care medical home
- Larger payer and health systems have potentially more resources- but often not focused on needs of children, families & small pediatric practices
- **2016 Future of Pediatrics practice survey:** >60% pediatric practice respondents preferred practice independence- and also interested in exploring clinically integrated network (CIN) option for pediatrics



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Smaller vs bigger- or maybe both?

- “Smaller is better”
 - Maximize personalized care and small business productivity model (Chip Hart presentation to follow)
- “Bigger is better”
 - Explore and develop models where small practices can align and share/profit from resources targeted to pediatric population health delivery and payment



FFS Medicine: Entrepreneurial Silos



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FFS Medicine: Incentivizes volume



- Primary Care Practice
- Specialty Care
- Hospital Care

- Competing cost centers within hospitals or health systems or across communities
- Poor communication or coordination across silos
- Total care: fragmented and expensive

Not designed for value-based care



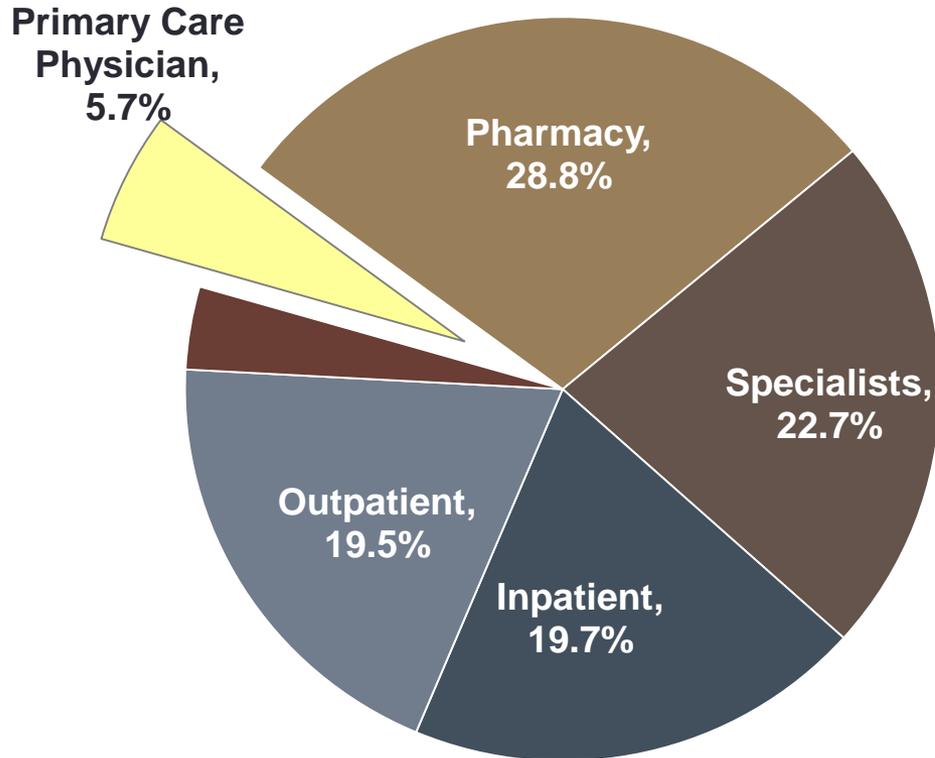
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CareFirst: PCP's Opportunity is with the Entire Healthcare System



Distribution of Medical Spending is Changing

- Spending on prescription drugs has become the largest share of the medical dollar (including spending in the Pharmacy and Medical benefits)
- This key change causes increased focus on pharmacy care coordination

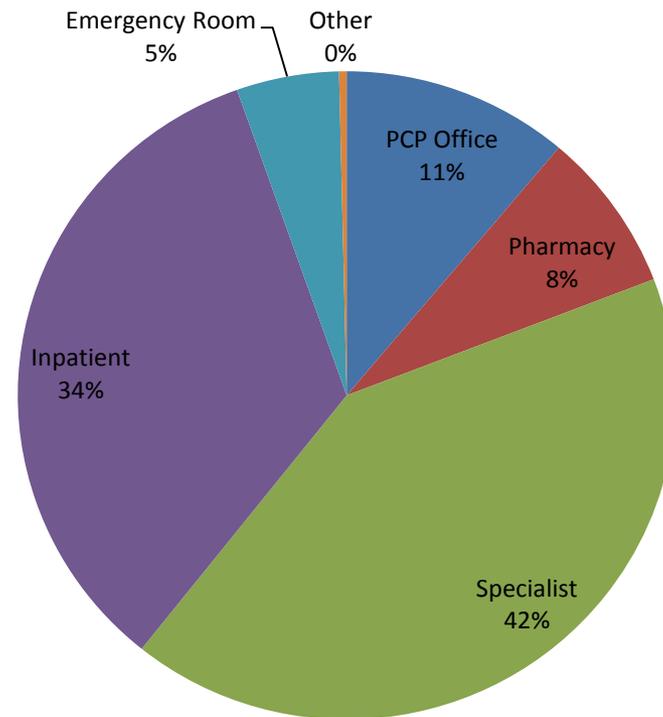


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Source: CareFirst HealthCare Analytics – Medical spending is based on claims paid in 2014 for the CareFirst Book of Business Excluding Medicare Primary Members. The Pharmacy % is adjusted to represent typical spend for members with CareFirst's pharmacy benefit.

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PCP's challenged to control total spend unless aligned with specialists & hospital- need to align care model & payment incentives- for all



CareFirst Sample Pediatric PCMH Expense

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Need to develop integrated care networks



Value-based Care & Payment: Requires new infrastructure to manage care of populations

- Payer and provider contracting
- Network development and management
- Identifying and managing populations by risk
 - Population health analytics
 - Care coordination & case management
- Driving & improving quality & safety performance
- Managing population health payment, shared savings & risk
- Limited pediatric experience & expertise- particularly in adult-centric systems



Children's Hospitals now partnering with community pediatricians in care and contracting networks (Medicaid ⇒ Commercial)



Pediatric Clinically Integrated Networks

- CIN video:
- The Children's Care Network (TCCN) from CHOA (Children's Healthcare of Atlanta)
- <http://www.tccn-choa.org/>

Getting bigger: building an integrated pediatric network

- Children's Hospitals typically underwrite network development
 - Physician-led; shared governance models
- New value-based payment models typically blend FFS payments to practitioners with added payments for care coordination and meeting quality performance measures (clinical, engagement & cost)
 - Models for sharing savings of total cost of care across network/stakeholders
- Networks designed to meet FTC requirements for "clinically integrated network" (CIN) and/or to accept risk incrementally
- Children's Hospitals typically outsource managed care infrastructure (business); leverage pediatric focus & expertise, provider networks & working relationships



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Children's National moving forward on CIN

- **Children's National will be partnering with community-based pediatricians to develop a pediatric Clinically Integrated Network (CIN)**
 - CIN permits pediatric practices to remain independent but be part of aligned regional system focused on care of children- and improving quality and cost outcomes and value-based payments for all in CIN.
- **Successful CIN's are physician-developed and led.**
 - CNHN will convene regular CIN planning sessions (February – May 2017) – looking for community pediatrician champions and leaders to participate.
 - Goal- present CIN model at June 2017 Future of Pediatrics
- **Interested? Contact: Mark Weissman**



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Pediatric CIN: Why now?

- Continued local market evolution to value-based payment models
 - Driven by states or payers; not by providers
 - Adult health system focus and consolidation
 - Limited at-risk dollars and focus on children (vs adults)
- Opportunity to develop pediatric physician-led organization that leverages value & promotes success of community practice participants
 - Self-organizing local provider activities underway- not likely to reach sufficient scale to influence payers
- Leverage Children's National resources & brand to advance model focused on children, quality & appropriate payment
- Pediatric CIN likely not the end-game- aligns & strengthens community pediatric providers and Children's National to address appropriate pediatric care and payment with future adult partners



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Questions & discussion



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