Look through the Lens of Chronic Care –
the Promise of Quality Measurement and
Value-Based Care

Value Incentives & Systems Innovation Collaborative

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Key Points

1. Current Systems are Failing our Patients and Providers
2. Quality Measures are Based Upon Single Disease Specific Guidelines with Limited Evidence about Applicability and Relevance for those with Multiple Chronic Conditions
3. Care of the patient with Multiple Chronic Conditions Requires Eliciting Patient Priorities/Preferences
4. Value-Based Care must Recognize Care Coordination, Teams and Social Supports
5. Payment Methods must Stimulate and Support Transformation – Including Pay for Quality, Workforce Development and Leadership by those with MMC expertise
6. Fee for Service & Description and Valuation of Work Remain Relevant
7. We must examine why we measure/pay, how we measure/pay and the impact on patient care and our communities, avoiding the “best doc” myth
Persons with multiple chronic conditions are defined as having two or more concurrent chronic conditions that collectively have an adverse effect on health status, function, or quality of life and that require complex healthcare management, decision-making, or coordination.\(^a\)\(^b\)\(^c\)

Assessment of the quality of care\(^d\) provided to the MCCs population should consider persons with two or more concurrent chronic conditions that require ongoing clinical, behavioral,\(^a\) or developmental care from members of the healthcare team and act together to significantly increase the complexity of management and coordination of care—including but not limited to potential interactions between conditions and treatments.

Importantly, from an individual's perspective the presence of MCCs would:

- affect functional roles and health outcomes across the lifespan;
- compromise life expectancy or;
- hinder a person’s ability to self-manage or a family or caregiver’s capacity to assist in that individual’s care.

Co-Morbidity is Common

Figure 4.1 Co-morbidity among Chronic Conditions for Medicare FFS Beneficiaries: 2010

Slide Courtesy of R. Goodman, CDC (Source CMS Chartbook 2012)
“The most common chronic condition experienced by adults is multimorbidity, the coexistence of multiple chronic diseases or conditions.”

Tinetti et al. JAMA 2012.
Most of Highest Utilizers (top 5%) have Functional Limitations

Figure 4
Among Medicare enrollees in the top spending quintile, nearly half have chronic conditions and functional limitations

Distribution of enrollees, by groups of enrollees

- 15% of All Enrollees: 48% Chronic conditions & functional limitations, 31% 3 or more chronic conditions only, 7% 1-2 chronic conditions only, 7% No chronic conditions
- 46% of Top 20% of Medicare Spenders: 41% Chronic conditions & functional limitations, 12% 3 or more chronic conditions only, 1% 1-2 chronic conditions only, 7% No chronic conditions
- 61% of Top 5% of Medicare Spenders: 32% Chronic conditions & functional limitations, 32% 3 or more chronic conditions only, 32% 1-2 chronic conditions only, 32% No chronic conditions


## It is not Easy Living with MCC

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And we have limited knowledge on how to provide the best care.....

- Reviewed 9 CPGs for chronic conditions
- Most single disease CPGs fail to give adequate guidance for older patients with multimorbidity

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AGS EXPERT PANEL ON THE CARE OF OLDER ADULTS WITH MULTIMORBIDITY

Approach to the evaluation and management of the older adult with multimorbidity.

Inquire about the patient’s *primary concern* (and that of family and friends, if applicable) and any additional objectives for visit.

Conduct a *complete review* of care plan for person with multimorbidity. 
OR
Focus on *specific aspect* of care for person with multimorbidity.

What are the current medical conditions and interventions? 
Is there adherence to and comfort with treatment plan?

*Consider patient preferences.*

Is relevant *evidence* available regarding important outcomes?

*Consider prognosis.*

Consider *interactions* within and among treatments and conditions.

Weigh *benefits* and *harms* of components of the treatment plan.

*Communicate* and *decide* for or against implementation or continuation of intervention/treatment.

*Reassess* at selected intervals: for benefit, feasibility, adherence, alignment with preferences.
Why Measure? Why “P4P”?  

- Improve Care/Promote a Quality Culture  
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- Accountability to Public  
- Identify Opportunity/Barriers/Best Practices  
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- Recognize CQI Staff  
- Fund the QI Infrastructure  

Support Care Delivery System Transformation
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Focus on Key Conditions
  ◦ Single Disease Focus

Accountability to Public
  ◦ At what level?
  ◦ By what Measure?

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Reward Performance
  ◦ By what measure?
  ◦ Care for disadvantaged or complex is more difficult

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Concerns – It Matters How Measures Affect Payment

Care for those with MCC is under valued today
- Geriatric Training Reduces Salary
- Medicare and especially Medicaid are Low Payers
- Care Coordination, Non Face to Face is not adequately recognized
- Electronic Records and Measurement Burden are potentially lethal

Risk Adjustment Can Help in Cost (HCC)
- Requires sufficient population size
- Concerns about adjustments in Quality
- Lessons from No Child Left Behind

Patient Preferences Require Recognition
- CAHPS as a common pathway for MCC
Why FFS Still Matters

Need to recognize work and productivity in all systems

Need to recognize work and productivity not presently accounted for

Transforming payment today allows the building blocks for systems of care to develop – FFS still dominates

Significant Changes include:
- Transitional care Management
- Chronic Care Management/Complex CCM
- Advance Care Planning
- Cognitive Assessment and Care Plan Services

Potential Future Changes
- Care management of acute episodes, Integrated BH, Medication Therapy Management in the PCMH
Recommendations

Measure (including structural) and pay for:

- Person Centered Care: Comprehensive Assessment; Eliciting Preferences
- Engagement and Self Management: Care Plan; Open Notes; How’s Your Health; CAHPS; Meeting person specific goals
- Care Coordination: RNCM; Future NCQA Measures; TCM; Readmission Rates

Add functional Assessment to coded elements

- HCC and Risk Adjustment
- A major person centered outcome
- Predictor Life Expectancy

Support the development of Key Services often lacking

- In home palliative care; medical staff model at SNF/Post Acute; BH integration; Teams including pharmacists and community services

Create/Require organizations to support these changes
Appreciation

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