



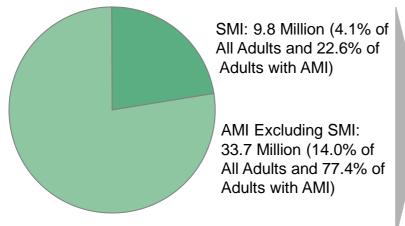
# Behavioral Health and Alternative Payment: A (Non-Scientific) Progress Report

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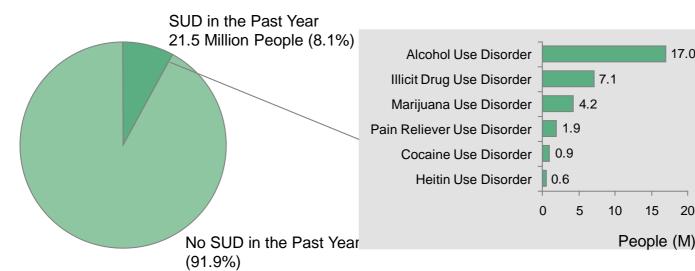
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# The prevalence and under-treatment of behavioral health disorders is well documented...





45% received receive treatment



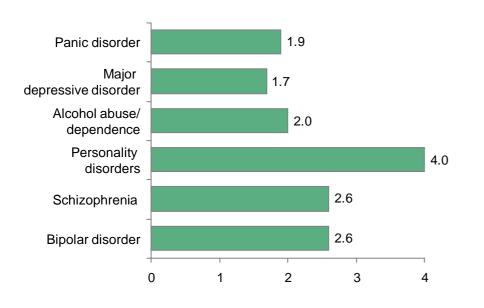
10 % receive treatment

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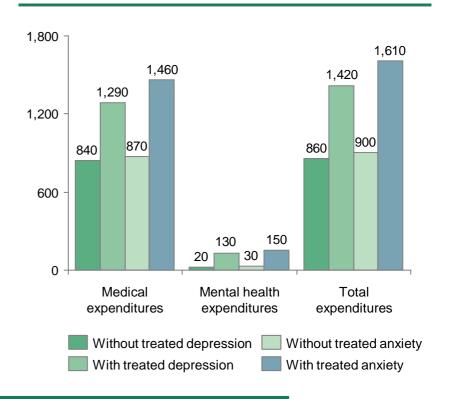
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# Studies show BH co-morbidities are tied to both poorer health outcomes and higher costs

## Relative risk of all cause premature mortality associated with mental disorders compared with the general population



### Comparison of monthly healthcare expenditures for chronic conditions and comorbid depression or anxiety, 2005



Policy makers, providers, and payers are beginning to respond with efforts to improve care coordination and clinical integration across the continuum

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# The chronic care model of integration has been shown to be both clinically and cost-effective

Institute for Clinical and Economic **Review: Study of Comparative Effectiveness** 

Incremental Comparative cost per Additional Contextual clinical Care value outcomes benefits considerations effectiveness achieved

"Findings from multiple evaluations across a variety of integration models and populations suggest that BHI falls within generally-acceptable thresholds for cost-effectiveness (\$15,000 -\$80,000 per QALY gained vs. usual care)."

**Affordability Health system value** Care value

"Economic studies have shown with consistency that BHI increases organizational costs, at least in the short term... while there are not currently consistent data with which to estimate potential cost offsets from BHI, fairly conservative estimates of reductions in health care costs could offset these initial investments considerably. "

Additional study of the embedded Behavioral Health Consultant model is also needed to establish its comparative effectiveness

## **FFS Codes Currently** Covered (billable today by contracted providers)

## **Additional FFS** Billing **Opportunities** (could be made available to qualifying practices)

## **Additional Care** Management/Medical **Home Allocations** (typically program specific)

## Additional Infrastructure Dollars for HIT, eHealth, overhead etc.

### **Collaborative** Referral to **Outpatient BH Provider**

- Case Consult (adult & youth)
- Family Consult (youth)
- Collateral Contact
- New codes that could be made reimburseable:
- Telehealth codes
- E.g., Practice-Based Care Management Payment/Incentive
- **Grant Funding** (SAMHSA, other)

### Co-Located

**Outpatient BH Provider in Primary Care Clinic** 

- Case Consult (adult & youth),
- Family Consult (youth),
- Collateral Contact
- Diagnostic Evaluation
- OP Therapy Codes (as per specs and DPH regs)
- **Medication Mgmt Codes** (as per specs and DPH regs)
- New codes that could be made reimburseable:
- Telehealth codes
- **Health & Behavioral** Assessment and Intervention Codes
- SBIRT Codes
- Transition of Care Codes

- E.g., Practice-Based Care Management Payment/Incentive
- Grant Funding (SAMHSA, other)
- Contractual arrangements with partner Primary Care Sites to share medical home dollars, other incremental financing, or gain share

# **Fully Integrated**

**Outpatient Primary Care Team** 

- Case Consult (adult & youth),
- Family Consult (youth),
- Collateral Contact

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- Diagnostic Evaluation
- OP Therapy Codes (as per specs and DPH regs)
- **Medication Mgmt Codes** (as per specs and DPH regs)

- E.g., Practice-Based Care Management Payment/Incentive
- Grant Funding (SAMHSA, other)
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**BH Provider on** 

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# Alternative payment models promise to change how care is financed and, by extension, how it is delivered...

APM Framework (At-A –Glance)



Category 1
Fee for service—No link
to quality & value



Category 2
Fee for service—link to quality & value



Category 3
APMS Built on Fee-forService architecture



Category 4
Population-based
payment



Foundational Payments for Infrastructure and Operations



Pay for Reporting



Rewards for Performance



Rewards arid Penalties for Performance



APMs with Upside Gainsharing



APMs with Upside Gainsharing/Downside Risk



Condition-Specific Population-Based Payment



Comprehensive Population-Based Payment

# A spectrum of different designs across public and private payers are starting to incorporate behavioral health.

### **APM Framework (At-A –Glance)**







Category 2 Fee for service—link to quality & value

Category 3 APMS Built on Fee-for-Service architecture

Category 4 Population-based payment















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- Pay for Performance on **Quality Metrics**
- Rate Increases Tied to **Quality Measures**
- Bundled Payment for ADHD and ODD
- MAT Episode payment (DRG)
- Integrated Medical Home **PMPMs**
- Global Budget Inclusive of BH with gain/loss tied to quality
- Primary Care Prospective Capitation inclusive of BH w/ Shared savings tied to quality
- Prospective Global capitation

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# We are still in the very early stages of shifting incentives and the system from fragmentation to integration ...

# In a national survey of 257 ACOs

- 11% percent of all ACOs and 20% percent of ACOs with commercial-payer contracts had conflicting ACO contracts, with responsibility for behavioral health care costs in one ACO contract and not in another
- 42% of ACOs surveyed include behavior health provider groups under their umbrella; (53% among ACOs who consider themselves integrated delivery systems)
- 21% reported having an agreement with a specialty behavioral health provider outside of their organization
- 15% of ACOs report fully integrating BH into primary care

# In a national survey of 635 Substance Use Treatment organizations

- Only 15% of these organizations had signed agreements with ACOs
- Another 6.5% were planning to sign such an agreement and 4% were in discussions

"There is much opportunity to advance the integration of behavioral health care into ACOs"

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# And we have much yet to learn from those demonstrations that are currently underway

# Results from study of the BCBSMA Alternative Quality Contract at the 2 year mark

- Enrollees in AQC organizations were slightly less likely to use mental health services
- Among mental health services users, small declines were detected in total health care spending, but no change was found in mental health spending
- Declines in probability of use of mental health services and in total health spending among mental health service users were concentrated in the AQC organizations that accepted financial risk for behavioral health
- From interviews with leaders in participating AQC organizations:

"The overarching view was that little progress had been made with regard to mental health care integration during the contract's initial years, and delivery system changes that would facilitate behavioral health integration were viewed as a longer-term objective."



# Some key challenges before us on the path towards integration of behavioral health in payment reforms

INFORMATION EXCHANGE AND PRIVACY PROTECTIONS

RIGHT SIZING PAYMENT TO ENSURE ADEQUATE FINANCING OF CURRENT AND NEW SERVICES

**GOVERNANCE OF PARTNERSHIPS AND FUNDS FLOWS** 

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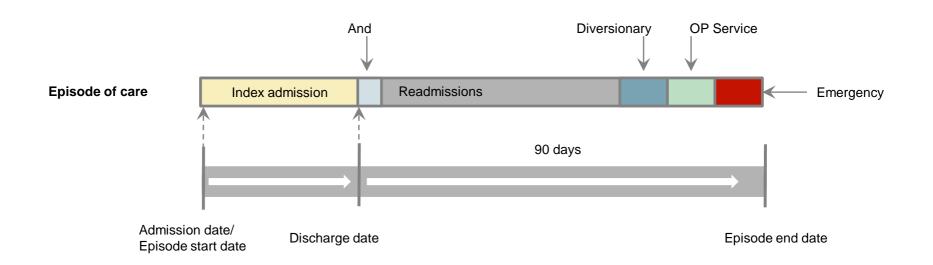
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# Thank you

# Analysis of acute episodes reveals ample opportunity to improve continuity of specialty care as well



Mean Bundle Cost by Bundle Length, Adults, 2011-2013

Bundle Length	Cases	Total	Anchor		AN	AND		Readmission		Outpatient		24 hr Diversionary		Non 24 hr Diversionary		Emergency		incial ntives	Ancho r LOS
		\$	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%	Days
0	18373	6,867	6,282	91	555	8	0	0	5	0	10	0	6	0	9	0	1	0	9.65
7	17078	7,462	6,240	84	603	8	188	3	53	1	212	3	61	1	86	1	17	0	9.53
30	14971	9,282	6,150	66	690	7	1,370	15	202	2	418	5	191	2	226	2	35	0	9.4
90	12666	12,190	6,111	50	813	7	3,170	26	523	4	692	6	393	3	442	4	46	0	9.3
365	9736	17,401	5,972	34	968	6	5,953	34	1,433	8	1,231	7	873	5	899	5	73	0	9